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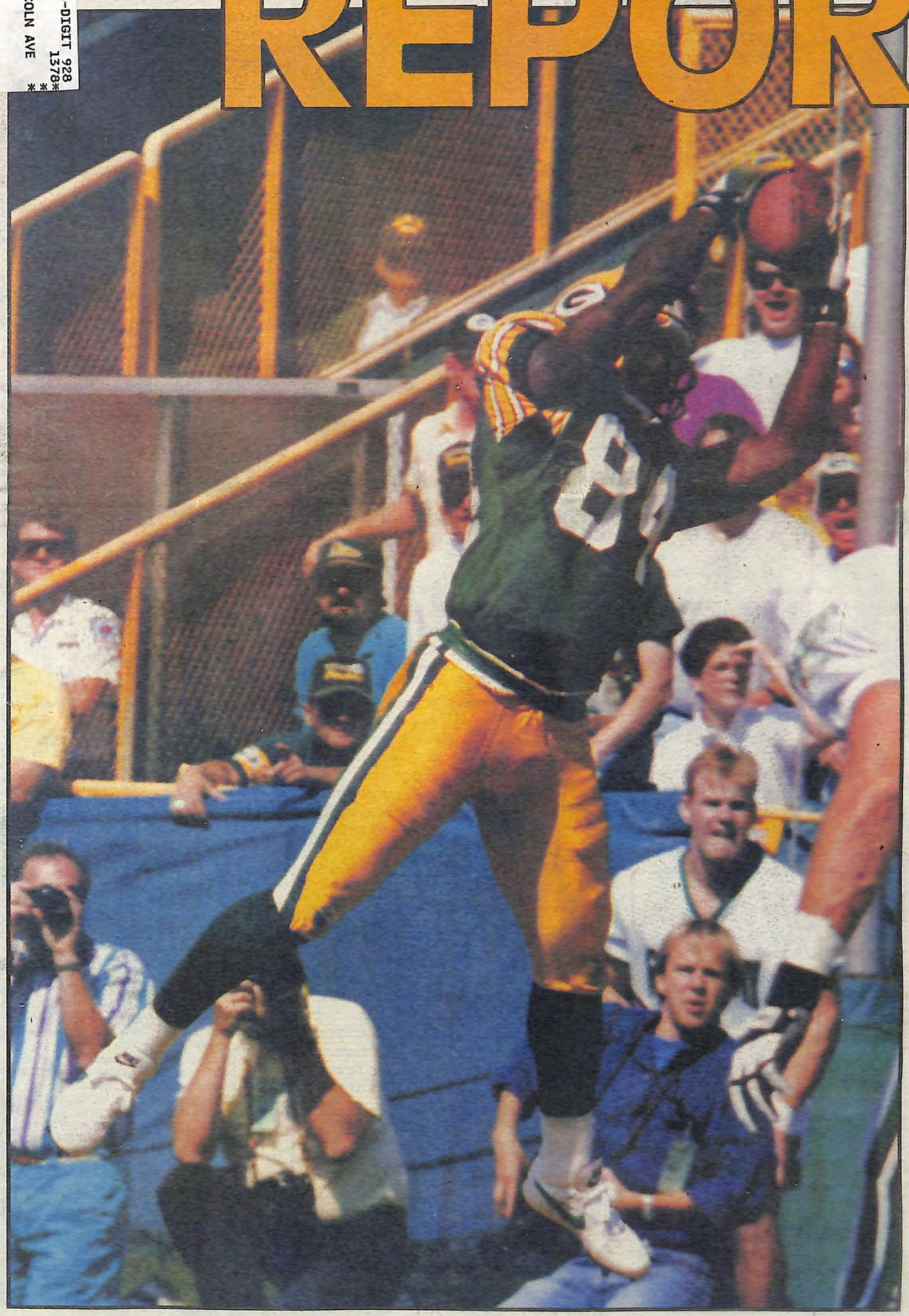

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Packers 17, Bears 3

Bennett signs

Offense sustains drive

Galbreath pulls in

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Commentary

It wasn't artistic, but it stopped the *Bears*

RAY NITSCHKE

Anytime you can beat the Bears, it's a big deal.

It's a big deal for the team and naturally, for the fans.

Any way you look at it, it's a victory, a Division win, a Conference win. Those are pluses which may be important in January.

I didn't think this game was played all that well. It wasn't a particularly artistic game. But still we saw a lot of good things in this game. We saw the Packer defense sack the opposition quarterback seven times — when was the last time that happened? Especially, against the Bears?

Bryce Paup didn't let the signing of Tony Bennett bother him. In fact, his first-quarter sack propelled him into the Packers' 1993 leadership in that category -- until Reggie White grabbed the lead back by totaling two sacks Sunday, raising his total to 6.5, Paup had 5.5 and Bennett, one.

– David J. Garot photo

Give the defense a lot of credit for limiting the Bears to three points. The Bears rolled up some yardage but didn't get the ball into the end zone.

We saw some big plays from the offense, some nice catches from Sterling Sharpe, including a touchdown.

The most satisfying thing was to see that the Packers did not blow the lead and mounted a nice drive in the fourth quarter, instead of giving the ball back somehow. It was a nice final drive capped by a nice touchdown by Darrell Thompson, which solidified the victory for the Packers.

It was great to witness the Packers do something they had trouble with in previous games against the Eagles, Vikings and Broncos. In each of those games the Packer offense didn't come up with the drive it needed at the end of the game. Sunday, the Packers did that and put the Bears away by not only protecting their lead, but expanding on it.

Overall, the game was not terribly artistic, but it is still a "W." A very big "W." It's very important for the Packers to get a good streak going now. They have won three in a row. Right in the middle of the season this is important. The Packers have a tough road schedule coming up: At Kansas City Monday night and then six days later at New Orleans. Two very tough road games. They need some momentum, need some confidence.

When I say it was not artistic, well for starters, I thought the play of both quarterbacks could have been improved.

I suppose it was a typical Packer-Bear game in that it was a physical game, it just wasn't artistic. The winning team did the things it had to do to win that game and that's important. It's important to get that out of the game — the Packers did enough good things both offensively and defensively to win the game. It's important to know you can play something which is not your most artistic game and you can still win.

Defensively, the pass rush was led by Reggie White and offensively they were led by Sterling Sharpe. LeRoy Butler had another nice game. He is becoming a real leader. He's getting better all the time. It's good to see young players coming on.

I'm very pleased with the outcome because of being the Packers' honorary captain. I didn't want to lose to the Bears, by no means. I'm not real fond of the Bears.

To go out there as a honorary captain was a great honor. I was really thrilled with that. It was very rewarding. I want to think the Packer organization for giving me that opportunity and thank the fans at Lambeau for the warm welcome I received.

And I tell you what: There is no team I would rather personally see the Packers beat than the Bears. I was very happy with that.

NFL standings

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Central	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Detroit	6	2	0	.750	164	140
Green Bay	4	3	0	.571	164	121
Minnesota	4	3	0	.571	112	124
Chicago	3	4	0	.429	112	95
Tampa Bay	2	5	0	.286	99	183
Eastern						
Dallas	5	2	0	.714	155	102
N.Y. Giants	5	2	0	.714	151	81
Philadelphia	4	3	0	.571	138	156
Phoenix	2	6	0	.250	152	153
Washington	1	5	0	.167	99	161
Western						
New Orleans	6	2	0	.750	183	154
San Francisco	5	3	0	.625	210	158
Atlanta	2	6	0	.250	171	222
L.A. Rams	2	6	0	.250	131	192

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

Eastern	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Miami	6	1	0	.857	172	118
Buffalo	5	1	0	.833	135	77
Indianapolis	3	4	0	.429	104	149
N.Y. Jets	3	4	0	.429	159	131
New England	1	7	0	.125	103	187
Central						
Cleveland	5	2	0	.714	149	130
Pittsburgh	4	3	0	.571	168	120
Houston	3	4	0	.429	144	140
Cincinnati	0	7	0	.000	81	162
Western						
Kansas City	5	2	0	.714	110	108
Denver	4	3	0	.571	177	135
L.A. Raiders	4	3	0	.571	136	133
Seattle	4	4	0	.500	129	140
San Diego	3	4	0	.429	114	150

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A leaping Sterling Sharpe snares one out of the air.
-- David J. Garot photo

In the middle ...

Mark Clayton breaks a Colt tackle in the final pre-season game.
-- David J. Garot photo

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Rookie free safety George Teague was right on top of this first-quarter Chicago trickery on Halloween. The motor-drive sequence shows Teague breaking up Neal Anderson's halfback-option pass for rookie tight end Ryan Wetnight. Had Wetnight held on, he might have scored the Bears' only touchdown.

Green Bay went on to win, 17-3, at Lambeau Field Sunday -- the Packers' largest margin of victory over the Bears here since 1975.

-- David J. Garot photos

Packers bounce Bears by 14

by Joe DiGiovanni

The Packers' running game had been much-maligned the past few years and its pass rush this season had failed to live up to expectations.

That is, until the rebuilding Bears came to Lambeau Field Sunday.

Darrell Thompson capped a fourth-quarter drive with a 17-yard touchdown run to put the game out of reach and Jim Harbaugh was sacked seven times, allowing the Packers to post a 17-3 victory before 58,945 fans.

Chicago had won eight of nine previous games at Lambeau Field. It was Green Bay's largest margin of victory over the Bears at this historic stadium since it posted a 28-7 win in 1975, Bart Starr's first season as coach.

"It was a slugfest," Coach Mike Holmgren said after his team posted its third consecutive victory to improve to 4-3.

In Green Bay's losses to Philadelphia and Minnesota, the Packers led late, but were unable to effectively rush the ball. That left time on the clock, giving both teams final opportunities they made into victories on last-second field goals.

The same thing occurred against Denver, giving the Broncos time to score 20 unanswered points and nearly win.

It was happening again against the Bears. Green Bay ran only four offensive plays in the third quarter and failed to get a first down on its first fourth-quarter drive.

Thompson, Bennett take over

When the Packers took possession on their nine yardline leading, 10-3, with 8:02 left, Thompson and Edgar Bennett took control, running right for 77 yards on 10 carries. Bennett went around the right end for 12 yards on the first play, Thompson gained seven on the next and Brett Favre hit Sterling Sharpe for nine yards to the 37.

Green Bay went right each time, Thompson gaining 13 yards on two carries and Bennett following with 27 yards on four carries to the Chicago 23. With left tackle Ken Ruettgers out with an injured knee, they ran behind right tackle Tootie Robbins. As they had much of the day, the Packers ran out of Thompson's prefered I-formation.

"I'm very flexible," Holmgren said. "I would prefer to be a split-back team, but right now our best way to run is with Darrell a little bit deeper."

On the next play, Favre threw a quick pass intended for Sharpe on the left sideline, but defensive end Richard Dent tipped it high. Sharpe, who had seven catches for 75 yards, caught the ball anyway for a 5-yard gain to the 18.

Thompson gained one yard on the next play, then went around right end and past safety Shaun Gayle down the sideline for a touchdown to seal the victory with 1:54 left.

"We were trying to run the clock out," said Thompson, who gained 68 yards on 14 carries on the day. "But after we got a couple of first downs, we had an opportunity to punch it in to get it over with and that's what happened."

White, Bennett sack Harbaugh, Butler tops that

Harbaugh, who completed 15 of 19 for 149 yards, was hounded on Chicago's final drive. He was sacked by Reggie White and by Tony Bennett, making his first appearance after a 102-day contract holdout.

"With the pads on I felt a little uneasy at times with the breathing part because you've got something suppressing your chest," said Bennett, who played in passing situations and had two tackles. "But once you get into the flow, you get a sack, you get pumped up, you don't even recognize any of that."

Green Bay came into the game with 12 sacks, tying the team for 19th in the NFL in getting to the quarterback. A dose of the Bears' hapless offensive line cured those woes.

"We bet in the huddle, 'Who's going to make a big play?'" said linebacker Johnny Holland, who had 10 tackles and one sack. "Guys pointed and said, 'I'll make one.' "

"It turned out that way," he said. "We had several guys make big plays."

The biggest defensive play came early in the fourth quarter with Chicago trailing by seven, but driving at the Green Bay 12. On third-and-seven, safeties LeRoy Butler and Mike Prior blitzed up the middle as Harbaugh dropped back.

Butler got to the beleaguered quarterback first, stripping the ball at the 20 just as Harbaugh's arm started in motion. Offensive tackle Jay Leeuwenburg kicked the ball backward and Butler beat him to it, recovering it at the 37 and ending the Bears' final threat.

"That was one of those things you dream about and then you wake up," Butler said. "But this time, nobody woke me up."

Pack outscores opponents early, 57-16

Green Bay, which has outscored its opponents, 57-16, in the first quarter, took a 3-0 lead on Chris Jacke's 40-yard field goal with 1:35 left in the opener. The Packers dominated the quarter, holding the Bears to six total yards and no first downs.

Favre and Sharpe connected on Green Bay's first drive of the second period to grab a 10-0 lead. Favre hit Sharpe for 20 yards to the Bears' 47, and the Packer quarterback scrambled for 16 yards on the next play.

Robert Brooks had a 12-yard reception to the 21 for the drive's fourth first down. On the next play, Sharpe lined up right with cornerback Donnell Woolford covering.

The Bears were in a zone, but Gayle failed to help with inside coverage on

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GAME STATISTICS

SCORING SUMMARY

Chicago Bears	0	3	0	0	3
Green Bay Packers	3	7	0	7	17

Packers, 1, 1:35, C. Jacke, 40 yd. field goal (12-46; 5:44), 0-3

Packers, 2, 10:41, S. Sharpe, 21 yd. pass from B. Favre (C. Jacke, kick)(8-70, 4:07), 0-10

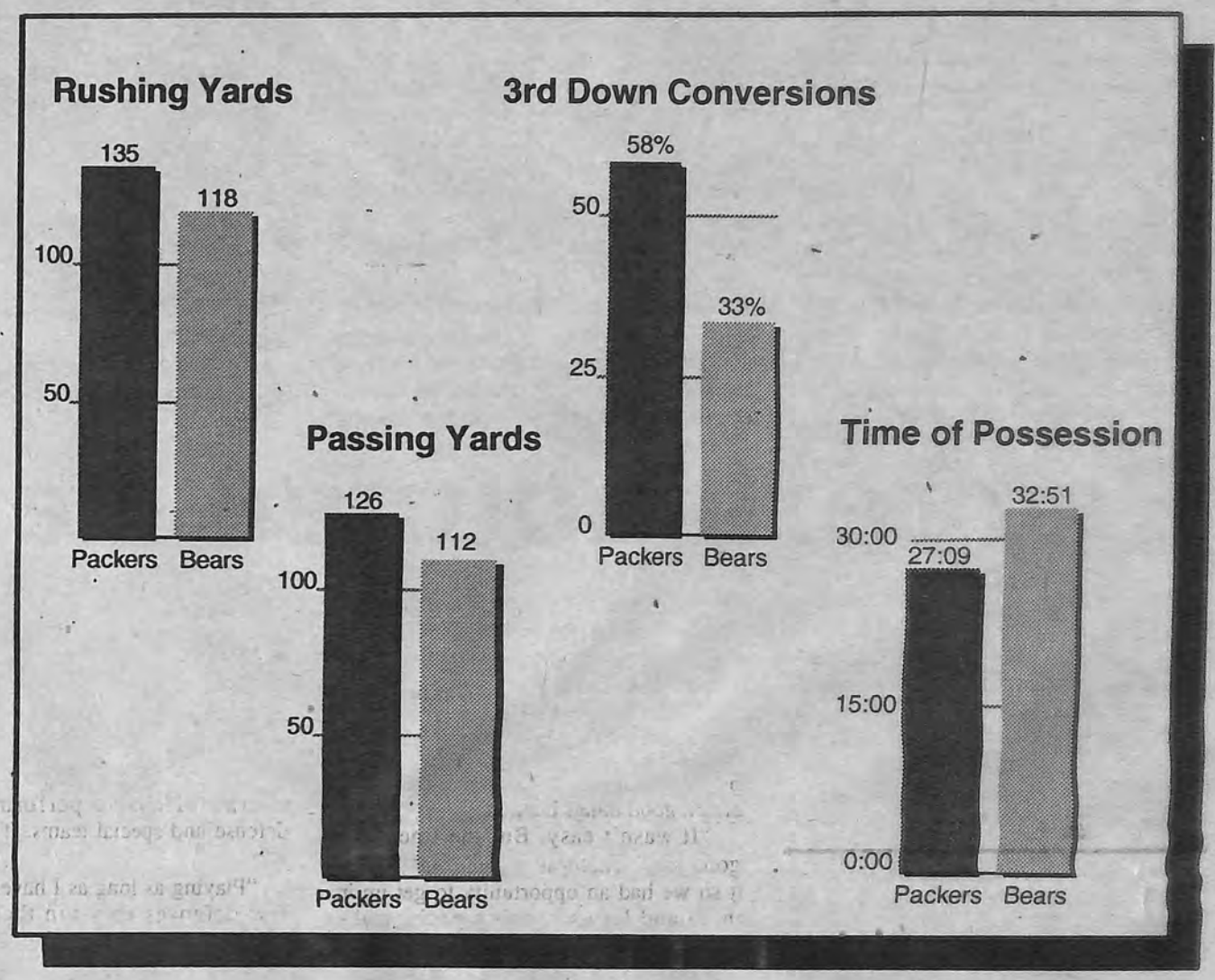
Bears, 2, 0:45, K. Butler, 33 yd. field goal (13-63, 5:48), 3-10

Packers, 4, 1:54, D. Thompson, 17 yd. run (C. Jacke, kick) (12-91, 6:08), 3-17

Weather: Partly sunny; Temp.: 39; Humidity: 59; Wind: N 14 mph.

Attendance: 58,945; Unused: 598; Time: 2:36.

	Bears	Packers
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS	15	16
By Rushing	7	8
By Passing	7	8
By Penalty	1	0
3RD DOWN EFFICIENCY		
Made	5	7
Attempted	15	12
Percent Made	33%	58%
4TH DOWN EFFICIENCY		
Made	1	0
Attempted	3	0
Percent Made	33	0
TOTAL NET YARDS	230	261
Total Off. Plays	63	53
Av. Gain Per Play	3.7	4.9
NET YARDS RUSHING	118	135
Total Rushing Plays	34	27
Av. Gain Per Rush	3.5	5.0
NET YARDS PASSING	112	126
Yards Lost	37	10
Gross Yds. Passing	149	136
Attempts	22	24
Completions	15	15
Interceptions	1	1
Av. Gain Per Pass Pl.	3.9	4.8
PUNTS	4	4
Yards	187.2	158
Average	46.8	39.5
Had Blocked	0	0
PENALTIES	5	4
Yards	40	25
FUMBLES	3	2
Lost	2	0
TOUCHDOWNS	0	2
Rushing	0	1
Passing	0	1
Returns	0	0
FIELD GOALS MADE	1	1
Attempted	1	1
TIME OF POSSESSION	32:51	27:09



GREEN BAY PACKERS

RUSHING	Att.	Net Yds.	Avg.	Long Gain	TD
Thompson	14	68	4.9	17	1
Bennett	8	53	6.6	12	0
Favre	5	14	2.8	16	0

PASSING	Att.	Com.	Yds.	Sack	Yds.	TD	LG	Had Int.
Favre	24	15	136	2	10	1	21	1

PASS RECEIVING	No.	Yds.	LG	TD
Sharpe	7	75	21	1
Bennett	2	13	7	0
Harris	1	15	15	0
Brooks	1	11	11	0
Clayton	1	9	9	0
Wilson	1	7	7	0
West	1	6	6	0
Thompson	1	0	0	0

INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yds.	LG	TD
Butler	1	0	0	0

PUNTING	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TB	In 20	LG
Wagner	4	158	39.5	0	0	47

PUNT RETURNS	No.	FC	Yds.	LG	TD
Buckley	1	0	-6	-6	0
Teague	1	0	-1	-1	0
Prior	0	1	0	0	0

KICKOFF RETURNS	No.	FC	Yds.	LG	TD
Brooks	1	0	14	14	0
Jurkovic	1	0	13	13	0

CHICAGO BEARS

RUSHING	Att.	Net Yds.	Avg.	Long Gain	TD
Anderson	19	61	3.2	10	0
Heyward	11	26	2.4	11	0
Harbaugh	3	26	8.7	12	0
Conway	1	5	5	5	0

PASSING	Att.	Com.	Yds.	Sack	Yds.	TD	LG	Had Int.
Harbaugh	19	15	149	7	37	0	25	0
Anderson	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gardocki	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Willis	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1

PASS RECEIVING	No.	Yds.	LG	TD
Anderson	4	12	6	0
Waddle	3	46	19	0
Jennings	3	32	17	0
Wetnight	2	17	10	0
Conway	1	25	25	0
Obee	1	10	10	0
Heyward	1	7	7	0

INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yds.	LG	TD
Carrier	1	21	21	0

PUNTING	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TB	In 20	LG
Gardocki	4	187	46.8	0	2	56

PUNT RETURNS	No.	FC	Yds.	LG	TD
Obee	1	2	-2	0	0

KICKOFF RETURNS	No.	FC	Yds.	LG	TD
Obee	2	0	10	10	0
Conway	1	0	42	42	0
Green	1	0	14	14	0

GREEN BAY PACKERS
Unofficial

	T	A	SK	YL	INT.	PD	FR
Koonce	5	7	1	9	0	0	0
Holland	4	6	1	6	0	0	0
Butler	8	1	1	8	1	1	1
White	3	5	2	9	0	0	0
Paup	2	5	1	3	0	0	0
Simmons	2	3	0	0	0	0	0
Brock	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
Prior	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
Jurkovic	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
Mitchell	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
Grant	1	2	0	0	0	0	0
Buckley	2	0	0	0	0	1	0
Teague	2	0	0	0	0	1	0
Bennett	1	1	1	2	0	0	0
Maas	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Evans	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Favre	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hauck	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Jacke	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ruettgers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Walker	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Willis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wilson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

CHICAGO BEARS
Unofficial

	T	A	SK	YL	INT.	PD	FR
Jones	5	6	0	0	0	1	0
Woolford	6	1	0	0	0	2	0
Carrier	2	5	0	0	1	1	0
Smith	2	3	0	0	0	0	0
Lincoln	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
McMichael	2	2	1	1	0	0	0
Zorich	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
Cain	1	2	0	0	0	1	0
Cox	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ryan	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Armstrong	1	0	1	9	0	0	0
Dent	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gayle	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Douglass	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Perry	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Christian	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Conway	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fontenot	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gardocki	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Green	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Paul	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Commentary

Finally, Packers sustain key drive

The Packer offense needed a fourth-quarter drive against the Eagles, Vikings and Broncos. The offense fell short in all three efforts and the Packers were 1-2 in those games.

Here Sunday, the Packers staged a masterful fourth-quarter drive. They not only successfully protected their lead, they expanded it. They mixed 11 running plays with two passes to Sterling Sharpe to move 91 yards in 12 penalty-free plays, eating up 6:08 of the final period.

They stretched their lead from 10-3 to 17-3, handing the ball back to Chicago with just 1:52 to play.

At that point the Bears never had a chance — which is just the way the Packers and their fans like it.

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Fullback Edgar Bennett was asked whether the offense made a conscious effort to control the ball, in light of the above-mentioned three games. "Definitely," he replied. "We always make that point in the huddle: That we have to do our jobs and that's to move the ball up and down the field. Today, we executed and the result was a win."

The bottom line is execution

Bennett, who carried five times for 39 yards on the final drive, added, "I feel like it's just an example of the team coming together, feeling more comfortable with one another and executing better. The bottom line is execution. I think we executed today.

"We didn't execute against Philly. The result was a loss. Today, it was a win."

Halfback Darrell Thompson said he doesn't think about past games, meaning Philly, Minnesota and Denver were not big motivators during the final quarter to him personally. "We wanted to run some clock off," he said. "We wanted to put the ball in the end zone, if possible. We really wanted to eat some clock up."

"Right there at the end," said quarterback Brett Favre, "we just sucked it up and said, 'Hey, we're going to run the ball.' They knew we were going to run it. (We said) 'We gotta get them off the line, we gotta do what we're supposed to do and everything will work out.'

"Darrell ran the ball very hard. Edgar ran it hard," noted Favre, who called the Bears the best defense Green Bay's played this year. "The receivers made some great blocks. If you go back and look at that film, you'll see some great blocks by Sterling and Mark (Clayton).

"I can see why this rivalry just keeps getting bigger and bigger. It was one of the best defensive games I've ever seen. Our guys played great on defense and we did just enough on offense to win. We made the plays when we had to. That last drive of the game was one of the best drives I've ever seen and I only threw two passes. Credit the offensive line, I thought they did a hell of a job."

Line, receivers give backs a chance

Nine of Green Bay's 10 running plays were to the right on the final drive, with the other being up the middle. "I don't know if that was by design or not," said Thompson, who ran right for 38 yards on five carries in that march. "I think it might have just worked out that way. (Left tackle) Ken Ruettgers got hurt. That might have had a little bit of something to do with it.

"They (blockers) did a great job. Edgar was doing a good job with set-up blocks. Sterling blocked the safety all the way out of bounds on the last couple of plays. When people put forth that extra effort, good things happen.

"It wasn't easy. But the line did a good job," Thompson said. "They made it so we had an opportunity to get up in there and let us running backs make something happen. That's our job."

Bennett thinks Thompson, who has 172 rushing yards over the past two games, is running with more conviction. "I think so," Bennett offered. "He's a tough back. He's comfortable. They've got him in the I. He's being able to be comfortable now; a similar situation to what he was in college."

Why is this switch to an I so beneficial to Thompson, who is averaging 4.9 yards per carry the past two games? "Because he ran it in college and the plays are very similar," Bennett replied, before turning his attention to the line's success: "I think it's more lack of execution early in the season. I think everybody now is more focused in on doing their jobs so everything is going a little smoother."

Darrell Thompson carried five times for 38 yards on the 12-play fourth-quarter drive which salted the game away for Green Bay.
-- David J. Garot photo

Follow Too-tie to the right

The final drive was representative of one trend: The Packers tend to run almost exclusively to the right. Some up the middle, but mostly to the right. Which is just fine with 12th-year right tackle Tootie Robbins.

"I'm the oldest guy on the field. I take a lot of pride in trying to get things going for us," the 35-year-old said. "It was our overall offensive performance, and defense and special teams. It was a team win.

"Playing as long as I have, there are a few defenses they run that I see and adjust to. The whole offensive line was making calls out there and we were adjusting to certain things they showed us. We were all on the same page. We watched a ton of film. That's what happened, we just made adjustments on the line.

"We're beginning to come together. Kenny got nicked up a little bit and I hope he's okay but Joe (Sims) stepped in there and did a pretty good job for a guy who never played left tackle. I feel we are coming together as an offensive unit. Brett is doing his thing. Sterling and everybody is doing his thing. Today everybody on offense worked hard and believed in one another."

Robbins is a leader on this team. In the main, a quiet leader. "I try not to show too much emotion out there. I just try to show leadership by going out and playing hard on every play," he said. "Some of the guys looked at me and I looked at them and they knew I was feelin' pretty good. It just happened."

The Lambeau Field faithful are not quiet about him — chanting "Too-tie, Too-tie" when he is introduced before the game (after all, can they chant that during the game; I mean, when he makes a good block or what?).

"That pumps me up," Too-tie admitted. "An old man like myself, I'm still having fun. As long as I'm having fun I'm going to keep on playing."

Favre drops Thompson in end zone

Favre had a little fun at the end of the drive. After Thompson scampered 17 yards to paydirt for the final score of the day, he arrived in the end zone still standing.

Until Favre got there and tackled his teammate. "I reverted back to the old days," Favre admitted. "I was so excited. After I hit him, I thought, 'What the hell did I just do? I could have hurt him, hurt myself and we'd both be out of here.'

"I was just excited. I was so excited for him. He's a great player. It's been a long road for him and we're finally giving him the ball so he can show us what he can do."

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Harry Galbreath

Guard pulled into right spot

As predicted, the advent of unrestricted free agency triggered unprecedented player movement.

Harry Curtis Galbreath, now productively employed at right guard here, was among the first to exercise his new-found freedom. Seven months later, he is openly happy he did.

Though he was clearly entering uncharted waters moving from metropolitan Miami to "little" Green Bay — in terms of atmosphere and lifestyle as well as climate — Harry is not looking back.

"I think it's been a good experience for me," says the soft-spoken Galbreath, who stepped in as a starter the first day of camp. He's been solidly entrenched since.

The weather has been an adjustment ("I wear as much as I can find — everything from thermals to 'long grays' to sweat jackets,") but he has found life generally more rewarding here .

Guard Harry Galbreath (76) likes the coaches, methods and strategies in Green Bay. The ambience is nice. But where'd the warm weather go?
-- David J. Garot photo

Packer coaches differ from Miami

"I think the team is a lot more closely knit," Galbreath observed. "I felt, coming in, it was a situation where everybody believed in themselves and believed they could win. And it's still true."

And the organization?

"Most definitely, especially from the coaching standpoint. They treat you like men — more than some other coaches. If Coach (Mike) Holmgren has anything to say to you, he pulls you over and talks to you one-on-one like a man about what you should be doing for the team — instead of embarrassing you in front of the team. All our coaches treat you like an adult. They don't try to embarrass you, an approach some coaches use to get you to perform. It may work in some colleges. I don't think it works at this level."

LEE REMMEL

How does he compare the two NFL head coaches he has played for — Holmgren and Don Shula?

"Coach Holmgren, when I came here on business before I signed, told me how he and his coaches would treat the players, and that's the way I wanted to be treated," Harry replied.

"No disrespect to Coach Shula. He's a great coach and I wouldn't be in the League if it hadn't been for him. (But) he doesn't treat everybody the same. He has his favorites...Here it's not that way. Coach Holmgren treats everybody the same. I respect him for it."

Galbreath also has found major differences in coaching from the technical standpoint, not to mention in the systems.

"Here Coach Tom Lovat (tutors of the line) tries to teach you technique that goes with each play. Whereas in Miami, we had an old-style coach. (But) he didn't get a chance to teach much technique because of the way the practice schedule was structured.

"Here, during the individual period, there's a lot of emphasis on technique. We didn't have that in Miami. The way practices were structured, we didn't have that much time to work on technique."

More aggressive line strategy

And the offense?

"It's quite different. In Miami, the passing game is more seven-step drops. Here it's three and five-step drops. In Miami, in pass protection, you stepped back off the ball. Here it's more aggressive — you take everything on the line.

"In Miami, it's pretty much a passing offense; here it gives you a chance to run more...It keeps the defense honest.

"In Miami, if you would have 60-some plays, you knew you were going to throw the ball 50-some plays...It puts a lot of pressure on the line."

While acclimating himself to his new surroundings, Galbreath has been favorably impressed with the ambiance here.

"It kind of reminds me of my hometown (Clarksville, TN) a little bit," he said. "It's about the same amount of people. The difference (between Green Bay and Miami) is that fans are more supportive here. The first year I was in Miami, we went to the playoffs and didn't sell out the stadium. Here you have loyal fans. There you have fair-weather fans.

"It (Green Bay) reminds me of what football is about. It's not so much about the money or the personal accolades. It's about the community and what football means to the community. It's more like a college town. They're going to be behind you no matter what, win or lose, because they know you're going to give it 150 percent."

Happy to be back with Reggie

As might be expected, Galbreath is happy to be reunited with his close friend and confidant, Reggie White, with whom he played college football at Tennessee.

Did he feel his signing here (March 23) may have influenced White?

"We talked about it (playing together again) a lot when we both became free agents," Harry rejoined. "We wanted to play together if we could. (But) he said at the time that he had some more thinking to do about it, but if he felt it was the best thing for him to do to come to Green Bay, he would like to play on the same team with me again. And, of course, he eventually decided Green Bay was where he should be."

Tracing the anatomy of the relationship, Galbreath confided, "In college, Reggie's senior year was my freshman year. I started off as a defensive lineman before moving to offense. Later on, we used to talk when he was playing for Memphis of the USFL and he would come back to school to visit the guys."

They have become even closer as teammates here, Galbreath indicated, reporting, "At one point this season, I was going over to his house at least one night a week to eat.

"His wife (Sara) has been a great help to me — she helped a lot to get me settled in an apartment after I got here," said Harry, who is single.

Smiling, he facetiously appended, "I tell Reggie 'That's my wife and my family (the Whites' two children, Jeremy and Jecolia).'"

And Reggie's reaction?

"He says, 'Watch it, watch it.' He knows I'm only kidding. But I can't tell you much help his wife has been...And I go over there and play with the kids. It's more like a home atmosphere."

Offense needs consistency

From the professional standpoint, Harry was obviously buoyed by the Packers' 37-point eruption against the Tampa Bay Buccaneers — the 37-14 victory then was only four days old — prompting him to assert, "I think we have the ability to score 30 points every time we step on the field. But the thing about it is you have to be focused. And one thing I can say about this team, win or lose, the work ethic has always been there."

Continuing his analysis, he observed, "I think the special teams are outstanding. Miami stresses special teams a great deal, but to lead the league in kickoff returns as we are, that's outstanding."

"They get pumped up about special teams here," Harry noted with an approving nod. "The punt and kickoff-coverage teams are doing a great job and so are the punt and kickoff-return teams.

"The defense also has played well all year. I think the offense has to develop a little more consistency to take the pressure off the defense."

It might sound a trifle ludicrous to suggest a 275-pound individual is small, but it is a reality of current NFL life for Galbreath and one that could well have cost him a pro career.

An eighth-round selection in the 1988 draft, the 212th player chosen overall, Harry remembers, "That's what a lot of people said at the time — it was because of my size that I went in the eighth round. At one time, a reporter in Knoxville talked to some scouts and they said I was just too small. They didn't think I would be drafted at all."

Asked if there are currently any smaller NFL offensive linemen, Galbreath said with a faint smile, "Not that I know of...I'm six-one-and-three-quarters."

Laughing, he informed, "Tootie (Robbins) says I'm only 5-10...All the linemen kid me about being too short."

Then, turning serious, Harry interjected, "I just have to thank God for giving me the heart to go out there and try to be as physical as I possibly can."

Tapping his chest as he spoke, he added, "A few more years...I need a few more years out of this body."

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Bennett not totally excited to be in

by Al Pahl
Managing Editor

Linebacker Tony Bennett says he did what's best but he didn't seem too excited about it.

Bennett ended the longest holdout in team history Wednesday, signing a one-year contract worth a reported $500,000 after a 102-day holdout. He was back at practice Thursday, but not yet working with the first team.

He said signing was best for himself, the team and the fans — Bennett noted they "definitely supported" him during the negotiations. But when asked whether he's excited to be here, the fourth-year veteran replied, "No comment on that. I'm here to get the job done.

"We were hoping for a trade at one point but it didn't work. The best thing for Tony Bennett was to get in and play.

"Negotiations are a tough thing. You feel you're worth this and the organization says you're worth this... You don't really know your worth until you get out in the free-agency market and shop for yourself," Bennett said.

"So at the beginning it was pretty tough. We thought we'd wait and see if the Packers would move. They are very firm businessmen and we respect that. Now that it's over, I'm just glad to have it behind me."

Possible unrestricted free agent

By beating a Nov. 9 deadline, Bennett can become an unrestricted free agent at the end of this season, unless the Packers name him a "transition" or "franchise" player.

Bennett, who had 26 1/2 sacks the previous two years, said he is under contract for the rest of this season, then added, "and I don't know how many other years."

He said it was unlikely he would negotiate an extension while the Packers are still playing because the just-completed negotiations were so difficult. Bennett said his intention is to concentrate solely on playing.

"I'm not really concentrating on the future right now," he said. "It's more or less, each week and each game. I've got to concentrate on getting the job done. I've got to concentrate on these next 10 weeks and the see what happens."

What will happen to him this Sunday when the Packers host arch-rival Chicago? "I don't know," Bennett replied. "I feel I can play. I can't really say. I don't know how the coaches feel about me coming in and playing. I feel if I had to play, I could.

"I can't make up for lost time. It's a hard shot for me right now: Each game, each week, total concentration trying to get the job done."

Bennett said he has no hard feelings toward the Packer organization. "I understand it's a business. If all the players got everything they wanted, Green Bay would be broke right now.

"I just hated it to drag on the way it did. I wish I could have been in a lot sooner. I feel I could have helped the team out some."

He feels he has put it all behind him now. "The only thing I had on my mind was practice and trying to figure out what I can do to get better," Bennett said of his first day's work.

Asked whether he was excited about the prospect of lining up on one side of the field with Reggie White on the other, Bennett pointed out, "Actually I'm not on one side yet. Until I get refreshed with the system again and get some bumps and bruises in..."

Bennett's locker is right next to Bryce Paup's, the linebacker who has been playing Bennett's "elephant" position the past six weeks — and who shares the team's sack leadership with White at 4.5 apiece. Bennett — who has been in town during most of the holdout and in frequent contact with Paup and some other Packers — said his return will not affect the two men's friendship. "We understand it's a job," he said. "The best man gets the job. If somebody isn't in, somebody else has to do the job. There are no hard feelings."

White not involved, agent says

Reports White offered part of his salary to help pay Bennett are incorrect, his agent said. White declined to discuss the reports Wednesday.

Coach Mike Holmgren said that even if White had made the offer, that's not the way his employer does business. "I don't know if it's true, but if it is, it's a nice gesture," the coach said.

Don't you think that if White had made such an offer, the front office would have communicated that to the head coach?

Tony Bennett is all smiles while shaking hands with Coach Mike Holmgren after Bennett's first Packer appearance of the year. He signed Wednesday, practiced for two days and finished the game with one sack, one tackle and one assist.

– David J. Garot photo

Bennett practices, plays in nickel

You've heard it 100 times before: "You play the way you practice."

That's pretty much what recently signed linebacker Tony Bennett did Sunday against the Bears — he played the situations he practiced the most.

Signing with the Packers late Wednesday left him with only Thursday and Friday to practice before the Bears' visit. Most of the work he got with the first-team defense those two days was in nickel situations. When he played against the Bears, he played in nickel.

He finished the game with one sack (third-and-13 on the Bears' final possession with 1:13 to play), one tackle and one assist.

"I felt I was a little rusty, a little out of tune," he said. "Eventually, the more plays I got in, the more I felt the juices began to flow a little better. I think I had better movement, eventually, toward the end of the game."

Said Brett Favre, "Tony's a great player. I don't know if he was that much of a factor today; I didn't watch him the whole game. I thought Bryce (Paup) played another great game. You can't count that guy out. But having Tony in is going to make a difference."

Most of the plays on which Bennett played in practice and against the Bears, so did Paup. The nickel defensive line was usually, from left to right: Paup, Reggie White (or vice-versa), David Grant and Bennett.

Paup and White entered the game with 4.5 sacks apiece. White had two sacks Sunday, Paup, one. Paup got two tackles and once assist. White had three and five, respectively.

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Thompson acknowledged it was one of the hardest tackles he endured Sunday but admitted he was not very much surprised. "I know Brett. He tackles Ty (Detmer) and Mark Brunell during the week at practice," the soft-spoken Minnesota alum pointed out. "If we have pads on, Brett is going to tackle somebody. I saw him, I tried to protect myself and go with it. He's a fun guy. We have fun like that."

Brock for the defense

Offense, as Too-tie pointed out earlier, did not win this game by itself. There was defense, too.

But there are those who will look at Chicago's 12:54 time of possession in the third quarter and wonder how effective the Packer defense was then. End Matt Brock had a theory for why Chicago's run game woke up in the third quarter: "They started cutting it back. We were moving our line, stunting toward the backfield side and they were cutting behind us. We overplayed it a little. So we stopped doing that. They started hitting the seams on us. I think it was more us letting them get there."

Brock helped guard Tom Bortz get three holding calls. "Those were on running plays," Brock recalled. "I was stuffing him at the line. We had a stalemate going and he had his arm around me and just kind of grabbed me and twisted me and flipped me over. That was the only way he could get me out of the hole."

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Johnny Holland

7th-year linebacker

Born - March 11, 1965 in Belleville, Texas.

College - Business Management major, Texas A&M.

Family - Wife, Lillian Faith.

The last book I read was - Beyond Roots.

A movie I'd recommend to my friends is - Boyz in the Hood.

My favorite hobbies are - Golfing, fishing, restoring antique cars.

The things I like about football are - The games. They get me away from everything and it's a challenge to compete.

The things I like best to do with my family are - Going on vacations or having backyard barbeques.

I would describe my wife as - An energetic, self-motivated person who cares for the well-being of others.

I would describe myself as - A caring, disciplined, quiet person who likes different challenges in life and is concerned about children in the world.

My favorite piece of advice to give people is - Be the best you can be in whatever you do in life.

The most influential people in my life are - My family. They have showed me that hard work pays off and you can achieve whatever you set your mind to.

My greatest personal accomplishment outside of football - 1. Leading people to the Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. 2. Achieving my real-estate license.

If I could live in another time, it would be - During the time when Christ lived. I would want to see His power on earth.

Johnny Holland enjoys the challenges of life. Foremost among them is the game of football, which provides challenges he meets head on.
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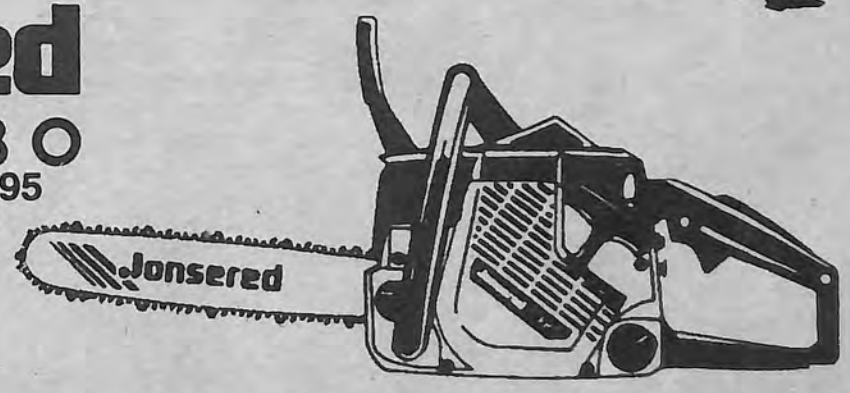

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PACKER NOTES

Campen, Patterson out for year

Linemen Shawn Patterson and Jim Campen play on the opposite sides of the ball but will likely find themselves together on injured reserve.

Campen, who underwent hamstring surgery Oct. 19, was placed on IR Tuesday. Patterson, who had knee surgery Tuesday, was expected to be placed on IR once the coaches decide who will take his roster spot, Coach Mike Holmgren indicated Friday.

People on IR are ineligible for the remainder of the regular season. Both surgeries went as expected.

Trainer Pepper Burruss said Wednesday it is not medically impossible for Patterson to continue his career. Patterson, who turns 30 in June, has had two previous knee reconstructions, one on each side. Burruss said Patterson, whose contract expires Feb. 1, was in good spirits after the surgery.

The team's injury report last week listed as questionable: tackle Earl Dotson, foot; tight end Mark Chmura (sprained shoulder); cornerback Bruce Pickens (hamstring). Dotson was the only one of the three who practiced Wednesday and Thursday.

Wednesday; cornerback Corey Harris (knee) was listed as out, along with Patterson. Harris will remain so for the immediate future but the Packers do not want to place him on IR, since he likely will be healthy before the season is over.

New lineman joins team

Green Bay claimed center/guard Lance Zeno from the Buccaneers on waivers Monday.

Zeno, 6-foot-4 and 279 pounds, is a second-year pro who was waived Oct. 23 when Paul Gruber signed.

The Packers were in need of depth at center following the loss of starter James Campen.

The Buccaneers claimed Zeno on waivers Oct. 5, following his release by the Browns. The former UCLA athlete had played in three games for the Browns in 1992 after being signed as a free agent Aug. 6.

Zeno, who will wear No. 60, originally was signed as a undrafted free agent by Dallas in 1991 but was waived Aug. 13, 1991.

Packers switch CBs

Cornerback Sammy Walker, a former Steeler, signed as a free agent with the Packers Monday.

To make room for Walker, a third-year pro, cornerback Muhammed Oliver was waived.

Walker, 5-foot-11 and 203 pounds, began this season with Pittsburgh but was waived on the final cut, Aug. 30. He subsequently was signed by the Chiefs, who placed him on waivers Sept. 21.

A fourth-round Pittsburgh draft selection in 1991, he spent 11 games on IR after pre-season arthroscopic knee surgery. Walker played in all 16 games for the Steelers a year ago, starting four in their dime defense.

Sharpe Player of Week

Sterling Sharpe was named NFC Offensive Player of the Week for Week 8 after his 10-catch, 147-yard performance at Tampa. The sixth-year pro tied a team record for most TD receptions in one game (four) and owns the team record for most consecutive games with at least one reception, 77. This was his second career Player of the Week award.

Linebacker Bryce Paup was a nominee for Defensive Player of the Week after turning in two sacks and a team-high six tackles.

Punter Bryan Wagner was a nominee for Special Teams Player of the Week after punting five times for a 46.8-yard average, including two boots inside the 20 yardline.

Guard Beauford returns

Guard Terry Beauford is back.

After spending all of last season on the practice squad here, he is back on the practice squad, due mostly to the research of Pro Personnel Director Jesse Kaye.

Beauford was originally a Chargers' seventh-round draft pick in 1991. He spent that season on injured reserve. San Diego waived him Sept. 28, 1992 and he signed onto the Packers' practice squad a month later.

He was in camp here this summer but did not make the final cut. He was a volunteer offensive-line coach at his alma mater, Florida A&M in the meantime, when Kaye discovered that 1991 did not count as a year's experience, therefore Beauford is eligible to be on a practice squad this year.

Former Packer gives art

One of the works of noted sports artist LeRoy Neiman is now part of the Packer Hall of Fame's permanent collection. The lithograph, entitled "Lombardi - Coach, Teacher, Mentor," was recently donated to the Hall of Fame by former Packer player David Dunaway.

The limited-edition litho, signed by the artist, is a sketch of the legendary coach surrounded by more than a dozen of his most famous quites.

Dunaway acquired the work, valued in the range of $7,500, several years ago and decided recently to donate it to the Hall. Dunaway, a wide receiver out of Duke, was Lombardi's second-round draft pick in 1967. He split that season between the taxi squad and military service. He was part of the Packer roster during the 1968 season and resides now in Las Vegas.

Dunaway says the donation is his way of giving something back to the fans who were so good to him during his short Packer stint. At a recent presentation ceremony, Dunaway pointed to Lombardi as a being a very positive influence on him.

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Victory: Pack 17, Bears 3

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Sharpe. The offensive line gave Favre plenty of time and he threw a perfect pass into the end zone to score Green Bay's final first-half points.

"That was something Mike (Holmgren) put in for us this week, hoping they would come up in a certain coverage," Favre said. "They only ran it one time and it was that play."

The Bears often isolated Woolford, their best cover man, on Sharpe, keeping the All-Pro receiver away from rookie corner Jeremy Lincoln, making his first start. The move was effective, but Green Bay adjusted by many times placing Sharpe just outside the offensive line, forcing the Bears to use a safety and linebacker to guard him.

Sharpe six ahead of 1992's pace

Sharpe has 50 receptions this season, more than the 44 he had after seven games last year, when he set an NFL record with 108 catches.

Chicago drove deep into Packers' territory to end the first half, but White sacked Harbaugh for a six-yard loss and the Bears' quarterback threw an incompletion on third down. Kevin Butler then kicked a 33-yard field goal with 45 seconds left for the Bears' only points.

Matt Brock, who had four tackles, continually broke through double teams to disrupt the Bears' offense. In the third quarter, he stopped Craig "Ironhead" Heyward for a one-yard loss, only the second time in 45 carries this season the 290-pound fullback has been tackled behind the line of scrimmage.

"I really don't notice double teams and stuff like that," Brock said. "I just bang around. It's part of the game."

The Packers were helped by Chicago's ineptitude. Two of its second-half drives were stalled by three holding penalties by left guard Mark Bortz.

Favre's first pass attempt was intercepted by safety Mark Carrier and returned to the Green Bay 17 early in the first quarter. Which looked like a positive for the Bears — until they stalled at the 10 and lined up for a field goal. Holder Chris Gardocki bobbled the snap and his attempted pass to defensive lineman Trace Armstrong fell incomplete.

Chicago tried a halfback pass in the second quarter on third-and-one at the Green Bay 40. Rookie tight end Ryan Wetnight was open behind safety George Teague. Wetnight, playing in his first game after being activated from the practice squad, dropped the pass, potentially costing the Bears a touchdown.

On fourth down, Heyward slammed through the line for a first down, but fumbled, which was recovered by safety Tim Hauck.

The best way to bring down 290-pound Fullback Craig "Ironhead" Heywood, 205-pound safety LeRoy Butler later explained, is to "Have one of our big guys hit him first and slow him down and then I just jump on his back."

– David J. Garot photo

Packers take win streak out on the road

After losing three in a row, the Packers have now won three in a row and head into their second double-header of back-to-back tough road games this year.

Green Bay plays Monday night at Kansas City and the following Sunday at New Orleans.

"If we were ever going to go into a stretch winning, it's basically now," Brett Favre said. "Now it's really going to get tough for us...That's two of the toughest games we play all year. It's not going to be easy, but at least we are kind of on a roll."

Said Ken Ruettgers, "We head into some tough road games but I think the roll will continue and give us good confidence going into those games."

Matt Brock thinks it's "real nice to have three in a row. It's a Packer-Bear game, it's a division game, these are ones you have to have if you want to be there at the end."

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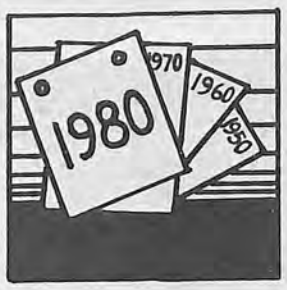

WHATEVER HAPPENED TO: Bill Lueck

Knee problems a reminder of NFL days

by Jerry Poling

Bill Lueck earned a lot of dividends while playing pro football — money, notoriety, warm memories. But more than 15 years after retiring, he's still paying the price.

He'll be paying it the rest of his life.

A couple of weeks ago, Lueck — the Packers' 1968 first-round draft pick — underwent his third knee surgery since returning to live in Arizona, where he is a cash-crop farmer.

Lueck's knee problems have nothing to do with tilling the Arizona soil. They're all related to his seven years twisting and turning on the grass at left guard for the Packers.

"Basically I have two worn-out knees," Lueck said in a telephone interview from his home in Litchfield Park, Ariz, west of Phoenix.

Lueck, 47, says he is a "prime candidate" for knee-replacement surgery, and most likely will have that done in about 10 years. "My doctor told me if I was 10 years older he'd do it now. They want it to last without having to do it again in your lifetime. I'm too young to do it now, especially with technology changing all the time."

Lueck's knee problems began during the 1974 season with the Packers. Sometime early that fall he tore cartilage in his right knee, but he played on anyway and had surgery in January of 1975.

While he was rehabilitating the knee, first-year Coach Bart Starr traded Lueck to Philadelphia. Lueck started for the Eagles, but on the Friday prior to the 13th game in 1975 he damaged his left knee in practice. He was on the injured reserve list for 1976 then retired because his two bad knees made him "unable to play," he said.

Dealing with injured knees has become a way of life for Lueck now. The most recent surgery was arthroscopic, consisting of cleaning bone spurs out of the damaged area. For two weeks, he "stayed around home a lot. I'm just starting to get around good now," he said.

He hasn't let knees limit his activities. Lueck is a competitive tennis player, and he farms 900 acres with one full-time employee and occasional part-time help. "That hasn't helped" my knees, Lueck admits.

Lueck doesn't wish away his pro career because of his bad knees. "It's just part of the game," he says.

Would like to see NFL take better care of former players

However he isn't so easily placated when talking about how ex-NFL players have been left to deal with their maligned bodies by themselves.

For example, Lueck has borne the cost of his post-career surgeries. He says that "in a perfect world" those surgeries would be paid for by the employer responsible for them, namely the NFL or the Eagles or Packers.

BILL LUECK
Former Packer guard recently had his third knee surgery and expects to eventually receive replacement knees.

For several years after retiring, Lueck couldn't get medical insurance because of his knees.

"It took two or three years to get insurance. My knees were considered pre-existing conditions. It took me four or five years to get those pre-existing conditions waived," he says.

Lueck is active in the National Football League Players Association alumni chapter in Phoenix. He tells how some members of the chapter without insurance have been unable to pay for needed knee or hip replacement surgeries. However, a sympathetic doctor named James St. Ville has stepped in and donated his services.

"He does them out of the goodness out of his heart. Some players have even come in from out of state (to get surgeries done by St. Ville)," Lueck says.

This farmer takes weekends off

Lueck, born in Buckeye, Ariz., has been in the Litchfield Park area ever since retiring. He grew up on an area dairy farm, and his father and three brothers still are in the business. He has no livestock but raises a variety of crops, primarily alfalfa but also cotton, corn, sorghum and durum wheat.

Because of the year-round growing conditions, he "double-crops" or gets in two and sometimes three crops in one year.

With the dry, arid climate, he relies on fully irrigated fields. "What you'll see is concrete-lined irrigation ditches. It's very flat. Most of the fields are laser-leveled. There's about a half-inch to one-inch fall per quarter-mile to get the water to the other end," says Lueck, who adds that most soil in the area is sandy but his is clay because he is near a river bottom.

Lueck isn't the typical Wisconsin farmer in another respect — he usually takes weekends off to play tennis and watch football on Sundays. He also has season tickets to his alma mater's football games, the University of Arizona in Tucson.

"I always had an idea I'd farm. It's something I already knew. I liked the seasonal aspect of it — like football — and I wanted to be my own boss. I like the independence of doing my own thing," says Lueck, who recently celebrated his 25th wedding anniversary with wife Mary. They have two daughters, ages 24 and 22.

The daughters were born in Green Bay and the family lived there for a few years until the "novelty" of Wisconsin's winters wore off and the family made its permanent home in Arizona.

Bengston promoted at a bad time

Lueck loved living and playing in Green Bay. "You don't find friendlier people than in Green Bay," he said. "We got to know all our neighbors. We've gone back to visit and a lot of our friends were in the same houses. There's a lot of stability there."

Lueck wouldn't have minded if the Packers were stable when he played for them. Unfortunately, he was the first draft pick of what became the post-title era. After winning three consecutive championships beginning in 1965, the Packers haven't won one since and only

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Montana

Do referees treat him differently?

Will the Packers have to ease up and/or be careful with Joe Montana on national TV next Monday night?

Frankly, it seems crazy to even ask that question.

But...as everybody knows Montana is the NFL's showcase quarterback, a three-time Super Bowl winner, formerly the San Francisco 49ers' gold mine, the Michael Jordan of pro football, who switched his allegiance to Kansas City for just one last shot or more.

That's a mouthful but the 37-year-old native of Monongahela, Pa., may have been getting special treatment by the officials who worked the Kansas City-San Diego game in San Diego Oct. 17.

I couldn't believe it when Charter defensive lineman Burt Grossman said Referee Jerry Markbreit repeatedly warned

ART DALEY

them during the game about coming too close to Montana after passes. It was in the public prints (*USA Today*).

That rang a bell in my gray-thatched noggin. Back in the 1960s, more than one opponent cried because they thought Packer QB Bart Starr was being "protected" a bit. However, the Packers were so dominant then that opposing players were nit-picking the officials pretty good about Green Bay's actions.

Grossman: NFL treats Joe right

That Charger business, however, is somewhat disturbing because of the thinking on the part of a few San Diego players — for instance "he's (Montana) done a lot for the league and it treats him right." I *hope* that thought process is a lot of garbage.

Grossman also was quoted thusly: "It was funny whenever we got near him (Montana). They even yelled at Leslie (O'Neal) and me a couple times. When (QB John) Friesz was hit, everything was fine. I guess it's because it's Joe Montana."

The Chargers sacked Montana three times. Markbreit penalized defensive tackle Shawn Lee for roughing Montana on the first play of the Chiefs' game-winning drive.

Grossman was asked if the officials have a double standard and he noted: "To a certain extent. It's Joe Montana. He's done a lot for the league and it treats him right. You don't want to get rid of Joe Montana and Michael Jordan. People like that are good for their leagues, so you're going to protect them. That's just the way it is."

Gracious sakes, I *hope* that's not the way it is and, better yet, that is NOT the way it is.

One thought, though: People like Dan Marino, Starr, Montana and Jordan and a few others have become quite famous — the products of TV. An official could watch them all week selling stuff on TV and then might have to rule on them on Sunday afternoon. The officials are human, too.

Three marquee players line up

In view of all this, it is most interesting that there will be three marquee players on the Chiefs' Astroturf-8: Besides Montana there will be Reggie White, the NFL's version of Montana on defense, and Sterling Sharpe, one of the NFL's three great pass receivers.

Will the officials keep a special eye on White, the best QB-rushing specialist around? He nailed a marquee QB, John Elway, three times and saved a 30-27 win over the Broncos Oct. 10. Reggie gets stacked by two or three offensive linemen and like in the Minnesota game Sept. 26 most times gets held, with few holding calls from the officials.

If Montana is to get a special look from the officials, will they be sure *that* White isn't held illegally? Dumb question.

With all this fuss about Montana, what about the Packers' virtual unknown at QB, Brett Favre? He's a biggie in Packer precincts but he doesn't have the history and national notoriety of a Montana, and for good reason: Brett was 10 years old when Montana was a 49er rookie out of Notre Dame in 1979.

First Monday Nighter since '86

This will be the Pack's first Monday Nighter in seven years and, of course, Favre's first ever. Also, Coach Mike Holmgren and his staff are making their debut in Packer clothes on a Monday night.

Playing in a Monday Night game is something special. It's not as flashy as the Super Bowl but the audiences are similar. Millions of fans watch it on the telly — not to mention players of the 26 teams not participating.

Green Bay will be playing in its 19th Monday Night game since 1970 when the present format was started. The Pack's record is 7 wins, 10 losses and 1 tie. Twelve games were played on the road, three in Milwaukee and three in Green Bay. The Packers are 4-8 on the road and 3-2-1 at home.

Monday night participants are generally winners or playoff teams from the previous year. For example, Kansas City made the playoffs, plus it added Montana, and Green Bay had a winning record, almost made the playoffs and added White. Big-market teams are often considered despite their record. Chicago, despite a 5-11 record in '92, hosted a M-Nighter vs. Minnesota Oct. 25.

With remnants of the Lombardi teams, the Packers played two Monday Night games in each of 1970, 1971 and 1973. During the next nine years the Packers got five Monday Night assignments. And then in 1983 (a year after the Pack made the playoff in the strike-shortened 1982 season) Green Bay was awarded three Monday Night games.

Second-half lead changes

The middle MN'er in '83 was a classic that won't be forgotten for years. The Packers hosted the Super Bowl-champion Redskins and won it, 48-47 on a 20-yard Jan Stenerud field goal with 54 seconds left. Then with one second left Redskin kicker Mark Moseley missed a 39-yard field goal try.

The scoring orgy produced 11 touchdowns, 11 conversions and six field goals. The 95-point production became a Monday Night record that still stands. The two teams piled up 1,075 yards. There were 31 points scored in the fourth quarter and there were seven second-half lead changes.

Try these QB figures: The Redskins' Joe Theismann completed 27 of 39 pass attempts for 398 yards, two TDs and Lynn Dickey hit 22 of 30 for 387 yards, one interception, three TDs. The Redskin quarter scores were 10, 10, 13, 14, the Pack's 10, 14, 7, 17. The difference came on the first play of the game when Mike Douglass recovered a fumble and ran 22 yards for a TD. It was a tennis-necker from then on.

Ben Dreith was the referee for that historic game. Surely, he didn't have time to "check" the QB's well-being. Theismann was sacked four times, Dickey three.

Nose tackle John Jurkovic rambled 13 yards with this kickoff return Sunday, nearly half of the Packers' 27 KOR yards (on two returns). It was the 285-pounder's fourth KOR of his two-year career.

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Lueck

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have made the playoffs only twice.

What happened to the dynasty?

"I think the team had just gotten old. (new Coach Phil Bengston) just caught them at the wrong time," Lueck said. "We always felt we could beat anybody. The ball started to bounce the wrong way. Things run in cycles.

"Bart Starr's arm problems, culminating with surgery in 1972, were a 'downer' for us," Lueck added.

In addition to quarterback problems, the Packers suffered greatly from the lack of a consistent kicker until Chester Marcol arrived in 1972, Lueck says. Don Chandler's retirement after 1967 forced the Packers to try Errol Mann, Dale Livingston, Booth Lusteg and other journeyman before Marcol. "We lost so many games by a field goal. We were missing 20-yarders," Lueck says.

When asked if Bengston was often second-guessed by players while trying to coach in Lombardi's shadow, Lueck says, "I heard plenty of that."

Devine 'Out of his element'

With Jerry Kramer injured part of his final season in 1968, Lueck saw plenty of action off the bench as a rookie at right guard. When Kramer retired, Gillingham became right guard and Lueck became the left guard. He started there every game until his knee injury and the 1975 trade.

Lueck remembers being shocked at being drafted No. 1 by the Packers for two reasons: "I didn't expect to go in the first round. I didn't expect to get taken by the Packers; I had no contact with them before the draft."

In more recent years, Lueck has stayed in contact with many of his offensive linemates, including Bill Hayhoe, Dick Himes, Gillingham and Ken Bowman. "We were a tight bunch of guys. We really stuck together. The line lived and died together with the outcomes of those games. I felt fortunate to know some of those guys. We did everything together."

Lueck also saw former Coach Dan Devine frequently when Devine headed the Sun Devil Foundation at Arizona State in Tempe. Devine now is athletic director at Missouri.

"He basically was a nice man," Lueck said. "He was a tough guy to play for, a tough guy to like. That was pretty common among the players. It was just his personality. I don't know if he was suited to the pro level. He was out of his element."

Packers

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Exp.	College	How Acquired
4	Brett Favre	QB	6-2	218	23	3	Southern Mississippi	T-92 (Atl)
8	Mark Brunell	QB	6-1	208	22	R	Washington	D5a-93
9	Bryan Wagner	P	6-2	200	31	7	Cal State-Northridge	FA-92
11	Ty Detmer	QB	6-0	190	25	1	Brigham Young	D9a-92
13	Chris Jacke	K	6-0	200	27	5	Texas-El Paso	D6-89
20	Kevin Williams	RB	6-1	215	23	R	UCLA	FA-93 (Den)
23	Sammy Walker	CB	5-11	203	24	2	Texas Tech	FA-93
24	Tim Hauck	S	5-11	185	26	4	Montana	PB-91 (NE)
27	Terrell Buckley	CB	5-9	174	21	2	Florida State	D1-92
29	Marcus Wilson	RB	6-1	210	25	2	Virginia	FA-92
30	Corey Harris	DB	5-11	195	23	2	Vanderbilt	W-92 (Hou)
31	George Teague	DB	6-1	187	22	R	Alabama	D1b-93
33	Doug Evans	DB	6-1	188	22	R	Louisiana Tech	D6a-93
34	Edgar Bennett	RB	6-0	216	24	2	Florida State	D4-92
36	LeRoy Butler	S	6-0	205	24	4	Florida State	D2-90
38	Bruce Pickens	CB	5-11	190	25	3	Nebraska	T-93 (Atl)
39	Darrell Thompson	RB	6-1	217	25	4	Minnesota	D1b-90
44	Dexter McNabb	FB	6-2	245	23	2	Florida	D5a-92
45	Mike Prior	S	6-0	215	29	8	Illinois State	UFA-93 (Ind)
47	Roland Mitchell	CB	5-11	195	29	7	Texas Tech	PB-91 (Atl)
50	Johnny Holland	LB	6-3	235	28	7	Texas A&M	D2-87
52	Frank Winters	C/G	6-3	285	29	7	Western Illinois	PB-92 (KC)
53	George Koonce	LB	6-1	238	24	2	East Carolina	FA-92
54	Keo Coleman	ILB	6-1	255	23	2	Mississippi State	FA-93
56	James Willis	LB	6-2	235	20	R	Auburn	D5b-93
57	Rich Moran	G	6-3	280	31	9	San Diego State	D3-85
59	Wayne Simmons	LB	6-3	240	23	R	Clemson	D1a-93
60	Lance Zeno	C/G	6-4	279	26	2	UCLA	FA-93
62	Matt Brock	DE	6-6	280	27	5	Oregon	D3a-89
64	John Jurkovic	NT	6-2	285	25	3	Eastern Illinois	FA-91
67	Paul Hutchins	T	6-5	335	27	R	Western Michigan	FA-93 (D-6b 93)
68	Joe Sims	T/G	6-3	310	24	3	Nebraska	FA-92
71	Gilbert Brown	DE	6-2	330	22	R	Kansas	W-93 (Min)
72	Earl Dotson	T	6-4	315	22	R	Texas A&I	D3-93
73	Tootie Robbins	T	6-5	315	35	12	East Carolina	FA-93
74	Doug Widell	G	6-4	280	26	5	Boston College	T-93 (Den)
75	Ken Ruettgers	T	6-6	290	30	9	Southern California	D1-85
76	Harry Galbreath	G	6-1	275	28	6	Tennessee	UFA-93 (Mia)
77	Bill Maas	NT	6-5	282	31	10	Pittsburgh	UFA-93 (KC)
80	Jackie Harris	TE	6-4	243	25	4	Northeast Louisiana	D4-90
81	Shawn Collins	WR	6-2	207	26	5	Northern Arizona	FA-93
83	Mark Clayton	WR	5-9	185	32	11	Louisville	UFA-93 (Mia)
84	Sterling Sharpe	WR	6-1	210	28	6	South Carolina	D1-88
85	Ron Lewis	WR	5-11	189	25	3	Florida State	FA-93
86	Ed West	TE	6-1	245	31	10	Auburn	FA-84
87	Robert Brooks	WR	6-0	174	22	2	South Carolina	D3-92
89	Mark Chmura	TE	6-5	242	24	1	Boston College	D6-92
90	Tony Bennett	LB	6-2	243	25	4	Mississippi	D1a-90
92	Reggie White	DE	6-5	290	31	9	Tennessee	UFA-93 (Phil)
95	Bryce Paup	LB	6-5	247	25	4	Northern Iowa	D6-90
97	Keith Traylor	LB	6-3	265	24	3	Central Oklahoma	FA-93
98	David Grant	NT	6-4	275	27	5	West Virginia	FA-93
99	Don Davey	DE	6-4	270	25	3	Wisconsin	FA-92 (D3a-91)

Injured Reserve (out for season):
James Milling, WR (post concussion syndrome); **Tom Neville** G/C (Achilles); **Brian Noble** LB, (knee); **James Campen,** C (hamstring); **Shawn Patterson** DE (knee)

Reserve/physically unable to perform:
Aug. 23: **Mark D'Onofrio,** LB (groin)

Reserve/Military (lost for season)
Aug. 23: **Bob Kuberski,** DL (Navy)

Practice squad:

17	Craig Hentrich	P/K	6-3	200	22	R	Notre Dame	FA-93
26	Lionell Crawford	WR	5-10	185	23	R	Wisconsin	FA-93
40	Jason McGill	WR	5-11	195	23	R	Georgia Tech	FA-93
69	Malcom Showell	DE	6-6	275	21	1	Delaware State	FA-93
	Terry Beauford	G	6-2	280	25	1	Florida A & M	FA-93

Chiefs

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Exp.	College	How Acquired
4	Bryan Barker	P	6-1	187	29	4	Santa Clara	FA-90
8	Nick Lowery	K	6-4	207	37	14	Dartmouth	FA-80
14	Matt Blundin	QB	6-6	233	24	2	Virginia	D2-92
17	Dave Krieg	QB	6-1	204	34	14	Milton	PB(Sea)-92
19	Joe Montana	QB	6-2	205	37	15	Notre Dame	T(SF)-93
23	Ron Dickerson	RB	6-0	211	22	R	Arkansas	FA-93
25	Doug Terry	S	5-11	197	23	2	Kansas	FA-92
27	Jay Taylor	CB	5-10	170	25	5	San Jose State	T(Phoe)-93
29	Albert Lewis	CB	6-2	195	32	11	Grambling	D3-83
30	Martin Bayless	S	6-2	219	30	10	Bowling Green	PB(SD)-92
31	Kevin Ross	CB	5-9	185	31	10	Temple	D7-84
32	Marcus Allen	RB	6-2	210	33	12	Southern California	UFA(Raid)-93
34	Dale Carter	CB	6-1	188	23	2	Tennessee	D1-92
38	Kimble Anders	RB	5-11	221	27	3	Houston	FA-91
41	David Whitmore	S	6-0	232	26	4	Stephen F. Austin	T(SF)-93
42	Charles Mincy	S	5-11	197	22	3	Washington	D5-91
44	Harvey Williams	RB	6-2	215	26	3	Louisiana State	D1-91
45	Ernie Thompson	RB	5-11	257	23	2	Indiana	FA-93
46	Bennie Thompson	S	6-0	216	30	4	Grambling	PB(NO)-92
48	Todd McNair	RB	6-1	197	27	5	Temple	D8B-89
50	Erick Anderson	LB	6-1	235	24	2	Michigan	D7-92
51	Lonnie Marts	LB	6-1	230	24	4	Tulane	FA-90
52	Tracy Rogers	LB	6-2	241	26	4	Fresno State	FA-90
53	Santo Stephens	LB	6-4	232	24	1	Temple	FA-93
54	Tracy Simien	LB	6-1	250	25	3	Texas Christian	FA-91
58	Derrick Thomas	RCK	6-3	242.	26	5	Alabama	D1-89
59	Jaime Fields	LB	5-11	230	23	R	Washington	D4-93
61	Tim Grunhard	C	6-2	299	25	4	Notre Dame	D2-90
64	Tom Ricketts	T	6-5	290	27	5	Pittsburgh	FA-93
65	Lindsay Knapp	G/T	6-6	280	23	R	Notre Dame	D5-93
66	Ricky Siglar	T	6-7	304	27	2	San Jose State	FA-93
68	Will Shields	G	6-2	296	21	R	Nebraska	D3-93
70	Reggie McElroy	T	6-6	290	33	12	West Texas State	UFA(Raid)-93
72	Danny Villa	G	6-5	300	28	7	Arizona State	UFA(Phoe)-93
73	Joe Valerio	T/C	6-5	288	23	3	Pennsylvania	D2-91
74	Derrick Graham	T	6-4	306	26	4	Appalachian State	D5a-90
75	Joe Phillips	DT	6-5	300	30	8	Southern Methodist	FA-92
76	John Alt	T	6-6	307	31	10	Iowa	D1b-84
77	Pellom McDaniels	DE	6-3	278	25	1	Oregon State	FA-93
79	Dave Szott	G	6-4	290	25	4	Penn State	D7-90
80	Fred Jones	WR	5-9	180	25	4	Grambling	D4-90
81	Hassan Jones	WR	6-0	202	29	8	Florida State	FA-93
82	Tim Barnett	WR	6-1	200	25	3	Jackson State	D3-91
84	Willie Davis	WR	6-0	172	25	2	Central Arkansas	FA-92
85	Jonathan Hayes	TE	6-5	252	31	9	Iowa	D2-85
88	J.J. Birden	WR	5-9	155	28	8	Oregon	FA-90
89	Keith Cash	TE	6-4	240	24	3	Texas	PB(Pitt)-92
90	Neil Smith	DE	6-4	273	27	6	Nebraska	D1-88
92	Darren Mickell	DT	6-4	280	23	2	Florida	D2(S)-92
96	Tim Newton	DT	6-0	259	30	8	Florida	FA-93
97	Dan Saleaumua	DT	6-0	300	28	7	Arizona State	PB(Det)-89
98	Leonard Griffin	DE	6-4	278	30	8	Grambling	D3-88
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7	Jeff Jones	WR	5-10	185	22	R	California	FA-93
26	Tim Watson	S	6-1	213	23	1	Howard	FA-93
43	Lance Lewis	RB	5-11	224	23	R	Nebraska	FA-93
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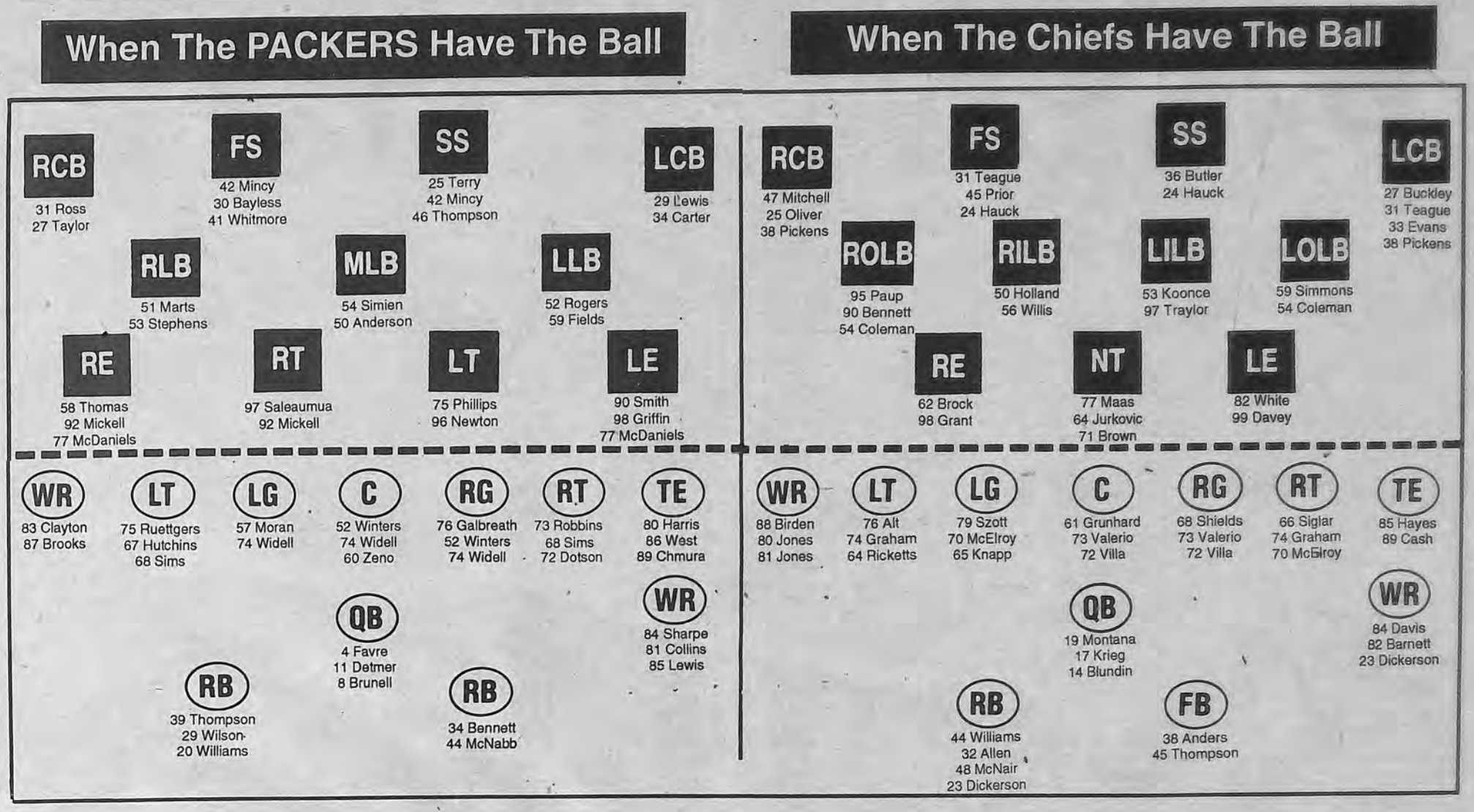

Pack returns to Monday night

NEXT WEEK'S OPPONENT

Montana will be defenders' target

One has to wonder if a Green Bay Packer broke a mirror out of frustration in a 25-12 Monday night football loss to the Bears at Lambeau Field seven years ago.

If so, it perhaps explains why it has taken the Packers so long to get another opportunity to perform before a Monday Night national television audience.

Now that they have apparently paid their seven years of bad-luck dues, they get another chance Monday night against the Chiefs at Arrowhead Stadium. It will be the Packers' 19th Monday evening appearance. They are 7-10-1 so far.

If Packer players dare look in another mirror Monday, the image they see may not be one they particularly like. The reflection staring back at them might be none other than the infamous Joe Montana.

"Might be" are key words, however, in the saga of the brittle Montana this year. The scenario for the Chiefs was to have Montana arrive from San Francisco and guide K.C. to the promised land.

When he has been healthy the Chiefs have responded, looking like the potential Super Bowl contender they are. But when he has nursed wrist, back, and hamstring injuries, Coach Marty Schottenheimer's squad has struggled under backup David Krieg.

Despite the on-again, off-again status of Montana, the Chiefs carried a 5-1 record into last week's contest at Miami. Heading into that game he was slated to start after using a bye-week as a hopeful cureall for his ailments.

Should Montana survive the Dolphin game unscathed he will be ready to take center stage Monday night.

Why spend so much time dwelling on the status of Montana when the Chiefs obviously are still a good team without him?

The answer is "mystique!" He brings the club and the crowd to another level simply because of his presence. It is this

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atmosphere the Packers enter Monday for only the sixth meeting with the Chiefs since Green Bay drubbed them in Super Bowl I, 35-10.

The Chiefs hold a 3-1-1 regular-season advantage since that first Super Bowl. K.C. has won the last two meetings in 1989 and '90, both at Lambeau Field by 21-3 and 17-3 counts, respectively.

Montana throws just 1 interception

Heading into last week's game at Miami, Montana was the AFC's top-rated quarterback, completing 63-of-105 tosses for 871 yards and six scores. Only one of his aerials was pilfered.

Backup Krieg, who will probably be pressed into considerable action this year, had connected on 34-of-61 passes for 430 yards and one score.

K.C.'s offense has a San Francisco flair to it — as opposed to last year's power running attack. Marcus Allen, signed as a free agent, leads the club with 305 yards on 79 carries while three-year man Harvey Williams is loaded with potential he has yet to realize. The surprise starting fullback is youngster Kimble Anders.

The Chiefs' once-mediocre receiving corps of wideouts Willie Davis and J. J. Birden and tight end Jonathan Hayes has raised their level of play under Montana's guidance. Davis had 21 receptions for 381 yards and two scores to lead the club after six weeks.

After surrendering 48 sacks last year, the line of from left to right, John Alt, Dave Szott, Tim Grunhard, Will Shields, and Ricky Siglar has improved despite being nicked up.

Devastating 'D' reputation continues

The Chiefs have long been noted for playing devastating defense. This year is no exception.

K.C. has changed to a 4-3, moving sack-happy linebacker Broderick Thomas to right end. However, left end Neil Smith has benefited more, recording six sacks to Thomas' three.

Leading the AFC's second-ranked defense against the run are difficult-to-budge tackles Dan Saleaumua and Joe Phillips.

Middle linebacker Tracy Simien is a head-hunter who leads the team in tackles. He is flanked by converted safety Lonnie Marts and Tracy Rogers, who has overcame a pair of serious knee injuries.

K.C.'s current starting secondary is without last year's top AFC Defensive Rookie, Dale Carter, who is in Schottenheimer's doghouse. He has been replaced at left corner by veteran Albert Lewis, who is rebounding from a re-fracture of a right forearm that forced him to miss seven games last year. Kevin Ross is a steady left corner.

Starting strong safety Charles Mincy leads the club with two interceptions, but he splits playing time with David Whitemore. Doug Terry is the free safety.

Lowery keeps on kicking

Thirty-seven year-old placekicker Nick Lowery is having his second consecutive solid year, connecting on 10-of-13 three-pointers with a long of 52 yards. Punter Bryan Barker carries a 41.5 average on 26 boots.

Dale Carter continues to return punts despite some careless moments. Sam Dickerson and Frederick Jones are the kickoff returners with the former carrying a 26.7 yard average on seven attempts.

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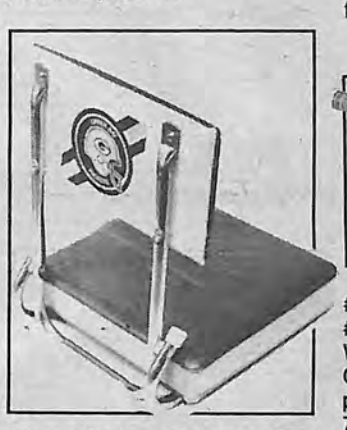

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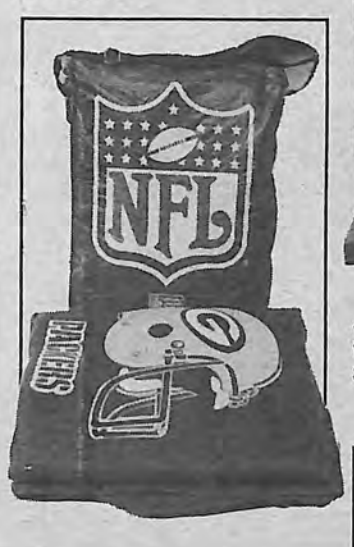

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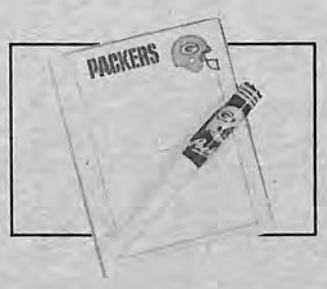

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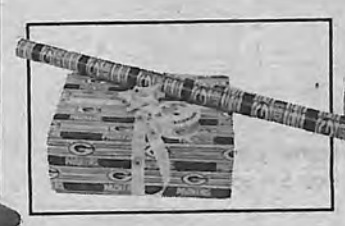

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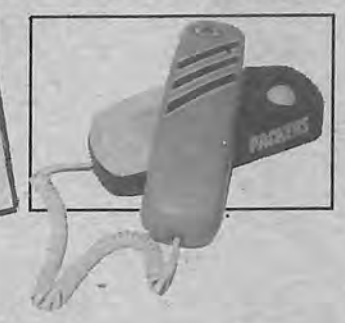

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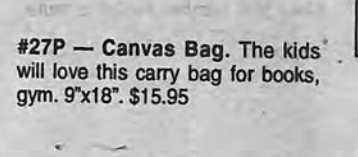

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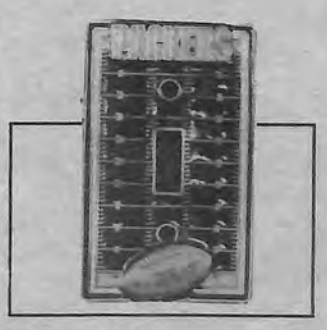

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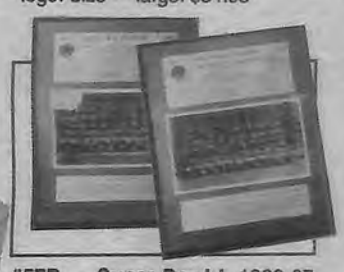

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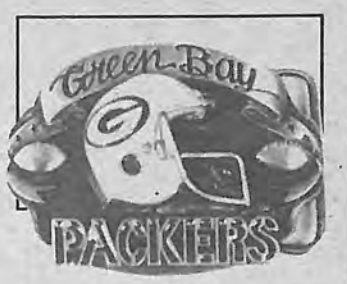

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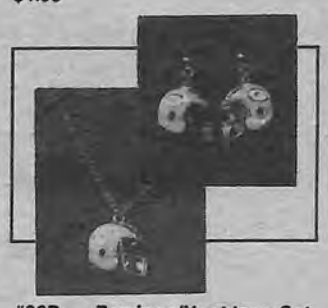

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Wants to write Noble

Dear Packer Report,

Just watched the Packer Denver game, a great game to watch but what happened to the offense again? As a Packer fan since I could reach the channel selector on our B&W TV in the mid-sixties, we have not had a great quarterback since Bart Starr. I am not that big of a fan of Brett Favre, he panics too much and throws it away. Two moves that would improve the Packers are: Ty Detmer as a starter, Brunnel as his backup; and second sign Tony Bennett! We need him.

One other thing: I feel real bad for Brian Noble, he has put his heart and soul into this team, and he deserves a Super Bowl ring more than anyone on this team. Do you have an address to write Brian? Hope to see you in a green and gold uniform soon Brian...

And by the way, great paper I am hooked on the *Packer Report* for life...

Good luck Pack I have been there through good and bad, and always will be...

Don La Freniere
Oshkosh, WI

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— Ed.

Bennett is defensive MVP

Dear Al,

For seven years now I have been a fan of the Green Bay Packers, and during that time I have never seen such a hypocritical job of management in a pro sport than the job being done by Ron Wolf.

Tony Bennett has been one of the NFL'S top linebackers over the last two seasons. His 26.5 sacks during that time must rank him in the top 10 overall in that category. Remember, he was a first round draft pick (one of the few that is still around), and like a first rounder should, he has become a star. Yet Wolf insists on paying him a salary (I last heard the offer was about $1.3 million per season), which would make him the third highest paid player on the defense, behind Terrell Buckley and Reggie White. A couple of thoughts about this:

1. Has Terrell Buckley been worth more than Tony Bennett? No way. His trash-talking, hot-dogging attitude is wearing really thin, especially when the guy says he's going to have 15 to 20 interceptions this year and after four games had none. The secondary overall, which was supposed to be even better this year, is absolutely clueless. Vinnie Clark is looking really good to me. Clark hasn't played that poorly for Atlanta, and don't you think it may have been worth a shot to give him one more year?

2. When Reggie White signed with the Pack he mentioned Tony Bennett's name at the press conference as being one of the reasons that he signed with Green Bay. Tony is not there, and Reggie's play is being hurt. In Philly, Reggie had Clyde Simmons and Seth Joyner to take the heat off of him, in Green Bay he has no one. Bennett too, had no one the last two years and was more effective than White. This tells me that Tony means more to this defense than Reggie, and still Wolf's offer would pay him a measly one third of what White is getting. Hello, Ron! Wake up! You're not going to win Executive of the Year again, so sign Bennett so that the Pack can at least salvage its respect, because at the current rate, we're looking at a 6-10 season.

One last thought: Chuck Cecil was my favorite Packer, and still is my favorite player. His contribution was immeasurable. He plays with an intensity level that few players in the NFL have attained, and it hurts for me to watch him play for the Cardinals. Over the last few seasons, many players have come, and many players have gone. Some will be missed more than others, but to me, none more than #26.

Sincerely,
Peter Marra
A Packer fan forever!

This is not Terrell Buckley's trick-or-treat costume. It is Terrell "Tiger" Buckley after several hours of makeup and costuming for his appearance in Coca-Cola's "Monster of the Gridiron" promotion.

What happened to Davey?

Dear Packer Report,

Throughout the year the Packer staff has tried various lineup changes to compliment Reggie White. Shawn Patterson, Matt Brock, David Grant, and Gilbert Brown have all been given shots to take the pressure off Reggie White. As far as I'm aware, #99 has not been given an opportunity during the regular season to prove he belongs up front with Reggie.

Last year, with limited playing time, he forced the game winning fumble against Philadelphia and forced another fumble against Detroit at County Stadium. This year Davey made the squad with a strong performance late in the pre-season, which I believe could've carried into the regular season.

Maybe Don Davey isn't the answer but we'll never know with #99 sitting on the inactive list. Come on Packer staff, give one of Wisconsin's finest football standouts a chance.

Sincerely,
Kevin Cole
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Adjust offense at halftime

Dear Packer Report,

I can't wait to see a Tony Bennett and Reggie White toasted quarterback sandwich. Ron, please sign Tony. Tony has proven himself worthy of a multi-year, multi-million dollar contract. If he was not worthy, why are so many clubs interested in his contract rights? I know about the salary cap, so try to front load his contract for this year and include bonuses/incentives for the next two years.

I like what I see on special teams. Great job Nolan Cromwell, but let's see if we can get a couple of field goals blocked.

The defense has been impressive at times, but at other times they looked dog tired.

The offense is great for the first half of the game, but something must happen in the locker room to change things. Coach Holmgren must realize that opposing coaches are making changes to counteract the Packer's first half successes. Halftime is a time to fine tune and come out to deliver a knockout blow to the opponent.

I would like to see Brett throw deep more often, this would prevent the safeties from cheating in and taking away the pass to the middle of the field. Use the play action pass when it is second down and short yardage, too many plays are not disguised at all.

Mike let Brett have the shotgun snap, when he is taking blitz after blitz. I'm confident Brett will spot the open man, and step into his throw instead of back pedalling and throwing off his back foot. I'm impressed by the Packer's two first round picks, Teague and Simmons. Terrell is coming along fine, except for the fumbleitis on punt returns. I can't wait to see Corey Harris on offense after his knee heals. The Packers made some great moves in the off season, I'm glad to see Tootie return and Prior pick up where Cecil left off. What about Mark Clayton? He has more than 80 touchdowns but he gets the ball only once or twice a game (and our opponents know it). Throw him the ball deep a few times to open up the slant for Sterling later. The Packers must stay focused on winning the Central Division, and play every play like the season ends after this game.

A transplanted fan,
Jeffrey A. Thompson
Lusby, MD

P.S. Brian Noble you get better, and I've been told hunting is good rehabilitation. Take it easy for this year's whitetail season, and let your buddies drive the herd to you and your ATV. Good luck.

I think there's a lot to the notion Green Bay's offense has trouble adjusting to defensive adjustments.

— Ed.

Metallic gold isn't it

Dear Packer Report:

I know that I'm not in the minority when I ask: "What's this bilge about changing the uniforms?" Hey, I'm not upset that my hard-gotten collection of Packer stuff will instantly increase in value (if things like Packer trolls and coffee cups have value to begin with); I'm upset with marketing dweebs and their abject idiocy.

There is an incredible amount of history embodied in and represented by the Packers' colors. Sure, we started out in 1919 with "Acme Packers" on blue shirts and looked like Notre Dame. Yes, those colors endured until the late '50s (I hope my facts are straight; this is all off of the top of my head). And, yes, the oldest single-city franchise in the history of professional football enjoyed great success and numerous championships whilst wearing blue and gold.

But it is the current uniform that most folks alive today recognize as the symbol of excellence and perseverance in professional football. The photos of the "old" Packers are all in black and white, as is the stock film footage. In fact, non-Packer fans are astounded when they discover that those ancient images aren't of green and gold. It is the current uniform that represents the winners of the first two Super Bowls; the fabled Triple Champions of Coach Lombardi. Green & Gold vs. Red & White, Green & Gold vs. Silver & Black; these are the images of Packer success that the color TV generation remembers.

I could dip further into the well of word pictures, but I think you get my point. Sometimes you just have to leave well enough alone. Sometimes the marketing pukes are wrong.

It may be "trendy" to change the uniform. "Trendy" is just that; a passing fancy. Sure, uniforms are just specialized clothing. Sure, you can change the uniform of a letter carrier without much forethought. The same holds true for law enforcement officers, service station attendants, dog catchers, and 27 other NFL teams.

But sometimes a uniform is more than just cloth and thread. Sometimes a uniform is a piece of history; a link to tradition and continuity of purpose (values becoming less important today; marketing has made it so). I was in the Navy when some fool decided to change our uniforms. 200 years of wool jumpers wasn't good enough, I guess. They changed the uniform back to the traditional style in less than five years.

The Packers uniforms should stay as they are. No colors contrast so well with the autumnal palette of Wisconsin. No other colors represent football's best, past, present, and future.

Besides, metallic colors will be hard as heck to reproduce in the pages of *Packer Report.*

Very truly yours,
Bruce Mitchell
Forest Grove, OR

An unusual awareness of the printing art for a radio guy.

— Ed.

I hope they never win...

Dear Packer Report and fans,

It is a sad day for Green Bay football. The transition from the Green Bay Packers that we know and love is almost complete. Starting next season they will be the San Francisco Packers. I would expect Ron to work in some form of red in the next couple of years.

I got news for Ron: Changing the colors will not bring a winner to Green Bay, but it might make life-long Packer fans, like myself, turn elsewhere for a team to support. I don't know how the fans of other teams that changed colors dealt with it, but I think this will be my last year as a Packer fan. This really hurts, I feel like I have been kicked in the gut.

If the Green Bay Packers really do go through with this color change, I hope they never win another game as long as they stay with whatever they end up wearing next year. I still can't believe this is happening. I have been a Packer fan since I was four, 25 years. They are the only team I ever loved. This is like getting a divorce when you still love the other person.

I hope other fans can deal with it better than I can. But I also hope everyone gets mad. Let's put a stop to his stupidity. We must tell the Packers how the people that PAY THE BILLS feel about this.

Thank you *Packer Report* for 15 years of great coverage. I don't know how much longer I will be a subscriber...

George A. Scholz
Tucson, AZ

What a fiasco

Dear Editor,

Now I know what every Packer fan in the world could get Ron Wolf for Christmas: We can all give him a towel to wipe all the egg off his face over this Eric Dickerson fiasco.

For the life of me I can't figure why he wanted to trade our leading rusher to Atlanta for a washed up player like Dickerson. To make matters worse since Dickerson failed his physical we don't keep him but the Falcons get to keep John Stephens.

He should have known before he even made the trade about the condition of Dickerson. The Packer organization really got caught with their pants down on this one. It just shows you the ignorance and incompetence the Packer front office has shown for the past 26 years. Now we got to get by with Darrell Thompson to be our main rusher (heaven forbid).

Now I know what the Packers have to do in the draft next year before we're even Central Division contenders:

Draft a running back, draft a running back, draft a running back.

Dave Collier
Rock Island, IL

We don't know why

Dear Packer Report,

A quick question:

I saw Reggie White get two sacks against Philly — the paper reported that White and Paup shared a sack on Week 4.

So why is the Elias Sports Bureau reporting White with only one and one-half sacks?

Befuddled,
Shawn Dressen
Yakima, WA

I saw what you saw. You're not befuddled. Elias is.

— Ed.

Still supporting 'em

Packer Report,

As one who remembers every Packer head coach, I cannot think of a time when managing a professional football team was as challenging or any team that is as well managed as team Green Bay is today! Why wouldn't all of us give them the same 100% plus support that they give to team Green Bay? We're "lucky campers" folks. Let's hang tough!

John Will
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Sunday, Sept. 5
N.Y. Giants 26, Bears 20
Detroit 30, Atlanta 13
Cleveland 27, Cincinnati 14
PACKERS 36, L.A. Rams 6
Denver 26, N.Y. Jets 20
Kansas City 27, Tampa Bay 3
Miami 24, Indianapolis 20
Buffalo 38, New England 14
Philadelphia 23, Phoenix 17
San Francisco 24, Pittsburgh 13
L.A. Raiders 24, Minnesota 7
San Diego 18, Seattle 12
New Orleans 33, Houston 21
Monday, Sept. 6
Washington 35, Dallas 16

Week 2

Sunday, Sept. 12
Minnesota 10, Chicago 7
N.Y. Giants 27, Tampa Bay 7
Detroit 19, New England 16, OT
Indianapolis 9, Cincinnati 6
Houston 30, Kansas City 0
New Orleans 34, Atlanta 31
Philadelphia 20, PACKERS 17
Phoenix 17, Washington 10
N.Y. Jets 24, Miami 14
L.A. Rams 27, Pittsburgh 0
Denver 34, San Diego 17
Buffalo 13, Dallas 10
L.A. Raiders 17, Seattle 13
Monday, Sept. 13
Cleveland 23, San Francisco 13

Week 3

BYE: AFC East except New England, NFC Central except Detroit
Sunday, Sept. 19
Pittsburgh 34, Cincinnati 7
New Orleans 14, Detroit 3
N.Y. Giants 20, L.A. Rams 10
Seattle 17, New England 14
Philadelphia 34, Washington 31
San Francisco 37, Atlanta 30
Cleveland 19, L.A. Raiders 16
San Diego 18, Houston 17
Dallas 17, Phoenix 10
Monday, Sept. 20
Kansas City 15, Denver 7

Week 4

Sunday, Sept. 26
BYE: AFC West except Seattle, NFC East except Phoenix
Minnesota 15, PACKERS 13
Indianapolis 23, Cleveland 10
L.A. Rams 28, Houston 13
Miami 22, Buffalo 13
Chicago 47, Tampa Bay 17
Detroit 26, Phoenix 20
New Orleans 16, San Francisco 13
Seattle 19, Cincinnati 10
N.Y. Jets 45, New England 7
Monday, Sept. 27
Pittsburgh 45, Atlanta 17

Week 5

Sunday, Oct. 3
BYE: AFC Central, New England, Phoenix
Dallas 36, PACKERS 14
Chicago 6, Atlanta 0
Tampa Bay 27, Detroit 10
Kansas City 24, L.A. Raiders 9
Denver 35, Indianapolis 13
San Francisco 38, Minnesota 19
New Orleans 37, L.A. Rams 6
Philadelphia 35, N.Y. Jets 30
Seattle 31, San Diego 14
Buffalo 17, N.Y. Giants 14
Monday, Oct. 4
Miami 17, Washington 10

Week 6

Sunday, Oct. 10
BYE: NFC West, Detroit, Seattle
PACKERS 30, Denver 27
Chicago 17, Philadelphia 6
Kansas City 17, Cincinnati 15
Dallas 27, Indianapolis 3
Miami 24, Cleveland 14
N.Y. Giants 41, Washington 7
Minnesota 15, Tampa Bay 0
Pittsburgh 16, San Diego 3
New England 23, Phoenix 21
L.A. Raiders 24, N.Y. Jets 20
Monday, Oct. 11
Buffalo 35, Houston 7

Week 7

Thursday, Oct. 14
BYE: AFC East except New England, NFC Central except Detroit
Atlanta 30, L.A. Rams 24
Sunday, Oct. 17
Cleveland 28, Cincinnati 17
Houston 28, New England 14
Pittsburgh 37, New Orleans 14
N.Y. Giants 21, Philadelphia 10
Detroit 30, Seattle 10
Phoenix 36, Washington 6
Kansas City 17, San Diego 14
Dallas 26, San Francisco 17
Monday, Oct. 18
L.A. Raiders 23, Denver 20

Week 8

Sunday, Oct. 24
BYE: AFC West except Seattle, NFC East except Phoenix
PACKERS 37, Tampa Bay 14
Atlanta 26, New Orleans 15
Buffalo 19, N.Y. Jets 10
Houston 28, Cincinnati 12
Cleveland 28, Pittsburgh 23
Detroit 16, L.A. Rams 13
Seattle 10, New England 9
San Francisco 28, Phoenix 14
Miami 41, Indianapolis 27
Monday, Oct. 25
Minnesota 19, Chicago 12

Week 9

Sunday, Oct. 31
BYE: AFC Central
PACKERS 17, Chicago 3
Miami 30, Kansas City 10
Indianapolis 9, New England 6
Tampa Bay 31, Atlanta 24
N.Y. Jets 10, N.Y. Giants 6
Dallas 23, Philadelphia 10
New Orleans 20, Phoenix 17
San Diego 30, L.A. Raiders 23
San Francisco 40, L.A. Rams 17
Denver 28, Seattle 17
Detroit 30, Minnesota 27
Monday, Nov. 1
Washington at Buffalo ..... 8 p.m.

Week 10

Sunday, Nov. 7
BYE: NFC West
L.A. Raiders at Bears ..... 3 p.m.
Buffalo at New England ..... Noon
Denver at Cleveland ..... Noon
N.Y. Giants at Dallas ..... Noon
Pittsburgh at Cincinnati ..... Noon
San Diego at Minnesota ..... Noon
Seattle at Houston ..... Noon
Tampa Bay at Detroit ..... Noon
Miami at N.Y. Jets ..... 3 p.m.
Philadelphia at Phoenix ..... 3 p.m.
Indianapolis at Washington ..... 7 p.m.
Monday, Nov. 8
PACKERS at Kansas City ..... 8 p.m.

Week 11

Sunday, Nov. 14
BYE: Detroit, New England
Bears at San Diego ..... 7 p.m.
PACKERS at New Orleans ..... Noon
Houston at Cincinnati ..... Noon
Miami at Philadelphia ..... Noon
Phoenix at Dallas ..... Noon
San Francisco at Tampa Bay ..... Noon
Washington at N.Y. Giants ..... Noon
Atlanta at L.A. Rams ..... 3 p.m.
Cleveland at Seattle ..... 3 p.m.
Kansas City at L.A. Raiders ..... 3 p.m.
Minnesota at Denver ..... 3 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at Indianapolis ..... 3 p.m.
Monday, Nov. 15
Buffalo at Pittsburgh ..... 8 p.m.

Week 12

Sunday, Nov. 21
BYE: Phoenix, Seattle
Bears at Kansas City ..... Noon
Cincinnati at N.Y. Jets ..... Noon
Dallas at Atlanta ..... Noon
Detroit vs. PACKERS at Milw. ..... Noon
Houston at Cleveland ..... Noon
Indianapolis at Buffalo ..... Noon
New England at Miami ..... Noon
L.A. Raiders at San Diego ..... 3 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at Philadelphia ..... 3 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Denver ..... 3 p.m.
Washington at L.A. Rams ..... 3 p.m.
Minnesota at Tampa Bay ..... 7 p.m.
Monday, Nov. 22
New Orleans at San Francisco ..... 8 p.m.

Week 13

Thursday, Nov. 25
Bears at Detroit ..... 11:30 a.m.
Miami at Dallas ..... 3 p.m.
Sunday, Nov. 28
Cleveland at Atlanta ..... Noon
L.A. Raiders at Cincinnati ..... Noon
New Orleans at Minnesota ..... Noon
N.Y. Jets at New England ..... Noon
Philadelphia at Washington ..... Noon
Tampa Bay at PACKERS ..... Noon
Buffalo at Kansas City ..... 3 p.m.
Denver at Seattle ..... 3 p.m.
Phoenix at N.Y. Giants ..... 3 p.m.
San Francisco at L.A. Rams ..... 3 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Houston ..... 7 p.m.
Monday, Nov. 29
San Diego at Indianapolis ..... 8 p.m.

Week 14

Sunday, Dec. 5
PACKERS at Bears ..... Noon
Atlanta at Houston ..... Noon
Indianapolis at N.Y. Jets ..... Noon
L.A. Raiders at Buffalo ..... Noon
Minnesota at Detroit ..... Noon
New England at Pittsburgh ..... Noon
New Orleans at Cleveland ..... Noon
Washington at Tampa Bay ..... Noon
Denver at San Diego ..... 3 p.m.
Kansas City at Seattle ..... 3 p.m.
L.A. Rams at Phoenix ..... 3 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at Miami ..... 3 p.m.
Cincinnati at San Francisco ..... 7 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 6
Philadelphia at Dallas ..... 8 p.m.

Week 15

Saturday, Dec. 11
N.Y. Jets at Washington ..... 11:30 a.m.
San Francisco at Atlanta ..... 3 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 12
Bears at Tampa Bay ..... Noon
Buffalo at Philadelphia ..... Noon
Cincinnati at New England ..... Noon
Cleveland at Houston ..... Noon
Indianapolis at N.Y. Giants ..... Noon
L.A. Rams at New Orleans ..... Noon
Dallas at Minnesota ..... 3 p.m.
Detroit at Phoenix ..... 3 p.m.
Kansas City at Denver ..... 3 p.m.
Seattle at L.A. Raiders ..... 3 p.m.
PACKERS at San Diego ..... 7 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 13
Pittsburgh at Miami ..... 8 p.m.

Week 16

Saturday, Dec. 18
Denver at Bears ..... 11:30 a.m.
Dallas at N.Y. Jets ..... 3 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 19
Atlanta at Washington ..... Noon
Buffalo at Miami ..... Noon
Houston at Pittsburgh ..... Noon
L.A. Rams at Cincinnati ..... Noon
Minnesota vs. PACKERS at Milw. Noon
New England at Cleveland ..... Noon
Phoenix at Seattle ..... 3 p.m.
San Diego at Kansas City ..... 3 p.m.
San Francisco at Detroit ..... 3 p.m.
Tampa Bay at L.A. Raiders ..... 3 p.m.
Philadelphia at Indianapolis ..... 7 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 20
N.Y. Giants at New Orleans ..... 8 p.m.

Week 17

Saturday, Dec. 25
Houston at San Francisco ..... 4:30 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 26
Detroit at Bears ..... Noon
Atlanta at Cincinnati ..... Noon
Indianapolis at New England ..... Noon
L.A. Raiders at PACKERS ..... Noon
New Orleans at Philadelphia ..... Noon
N.Y. Jets at Buffalo ..... Noon
Cleveland at L.A. Rams ..... 3 p.m.
N.Y. Giants t Phoenix ..... 3 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Seattle ..... 3 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Denver ..... 3 p.m.
Washington at Dallas ..... 3 p.m.
Kansas City at Minnesota ..... 7 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 27
Miami at San Diego ..... 8 p.m.

Week 18

Friday, Dec. 31
Minnesota at Washington ..... 2 p.m.
Sunday, Jan. 2
Bears at L.A. Rams ..... 3 p.m.
Buffalo at Indianapolis ..... Noon
Cleveland at Pittsburgh ..... Noon
Dallas at N.Y. Giants ..... Noon
PACKERS at Detroit ..... Noon
Miami at New England ..... Noon
Phoenix at Atlanta ..... Noon
Seattle at Kansas City ..... Noon
Cincinnati at New Orleans ..... 3 p.m.
Denver at L.A. Raiders ..... 3 p.m.
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N.Y. Jets at Houston ..... 7 p.m.
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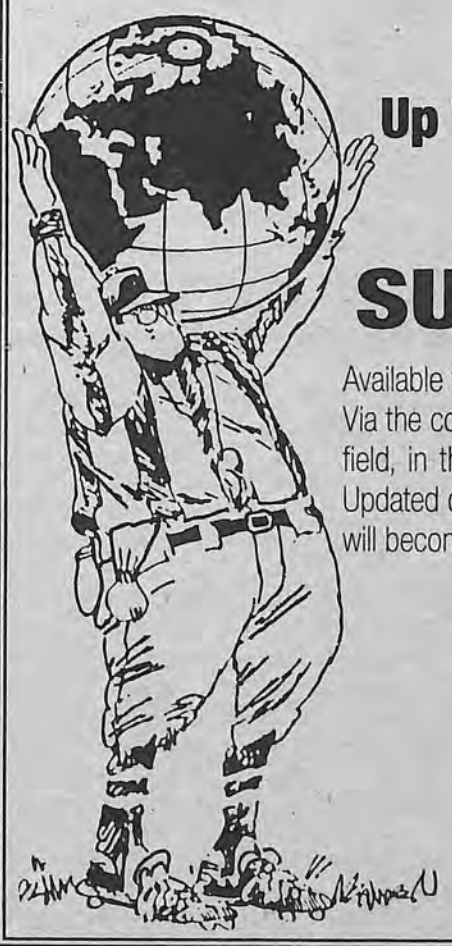

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CENTRAL ISSUES

by John Delcos

Chicago Bears

Although QB Jim Harbaugh was sacked nine times in the Monday night loss to Minnesota, coach Dave Wannstedt won't scrap the present system and adopt a shotgun formation, and he claims history is on his side.

"We went through that in Dallas with Troy Aikman," said Wannstedt, the former defensive coordinator of the Cowboys. "The main thinking behind it was, No. 1, generally you just don't do that halfway through the season because of the snap and timing problems. No. 2, it does limit you a little bit of what you can do, running and passing."

Currently, Harbaugh uses a three-step drop, play-action, and rollouts to escape the pressure.

Newly acquired RB Tim Worley saw his first action on special teams, and it will probably remain that way for awhile. "He will move along naturally as he learns more of the system," said Wannstedt.

INJURIES: CB Anthony Blaylock (finger), OT Keith Van Horne (arm).

Detroit Lions

Offensive tackle Lomas Brown is back, but not at 100 percent, and he probably won't be for most of the season. He can't shake a sprained ankle, and to make matters worse, he knows the pain won't go away until the offseason.

"It's going to nag the whole year, and there's nothing I can do about it," said Brown. "That's the frustrating part, to see players who have to play the whole year with nagging injuries and they're never their old self. That's the thing I'm faced with now."

Brown hasn't played much during the Lions' 5-2 start, which is a source of frustration.

"Being labeled a franchise player and going to three straight Pro Bowls, people expect you to play at a certain level," said Brown. "I just know I won't be at that level. I'm no fool."

INJURIES: S Bennie Blades (ankle), WR Brett Perriman (knee), WR Mel Gray (ankle), CB Kevin Scott (ankle), LB Dennis Gibson (back), WR Herman Moore (hamstring), C Mark Rodenhauser (back), LB Pat Swilling (ankle).

Minnesota Vikings

If the Vikings are to return to the playoffs with their sputtering offense, they need to be carried by their defense. That's the way it was last season, and that's the way it was in their 19-12 Monday night win in Chicago.

With nine sacks, it was a statement game: The NFC Central title will be decided by Minnesota's defense.

In particular, DE Chris Doleman, is warming up. After a slow start, Doleman sacked Bears QB Jim Harbaugh twice, forced a fumble, and made Lions OT Lomas Brown, who watched the carnage on film, take notice.

"I would say right now he's the toughest," said Brown. "He has the combination to beat you around the corner, he can go over you, he can go inside on you. He can present a lot of problems."

INJURIES: LB Ed McDaniel (shoulder), NT Esera Tualo (hamstring), S Vencie Glenn (knee), QB Jim McMahon (concussion).

Tampa Bay Buccaneers

It's getting ugly ... and coach Sam Wyche is getting tough.

It's one thing to be beaten, it's another to be overwhelmed and embarrassed.

That's what happened when the Packers routed Tampa Bay, 37-14. The next day, Wyche ran the Bucs through a 49-minute practice, very rare for a Monday.

"We're not accepting things the way they went," said Wyche. "It was a tough session because they didn't know how long it was going to last."

Seven-year OT Rob Taylor said it was a first for him, and he's played on a lot of bad Buc teams.

"We had a poor showing, so I guess it's something we had to expect," said Taylor. "If that's what is going to make us better, we're willing to do it."

CB Martin Mayhew, who was used to winning while at Washington, agreed with Wyche.

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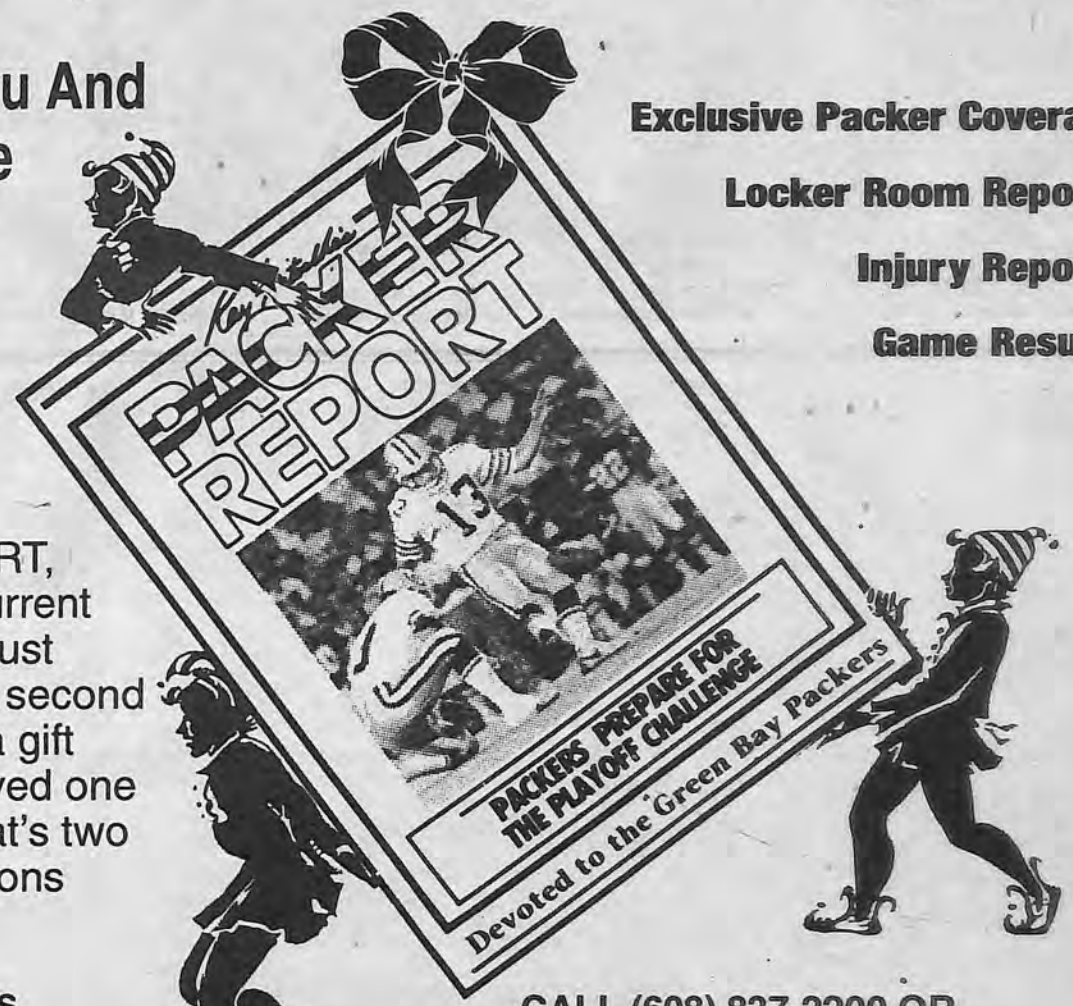

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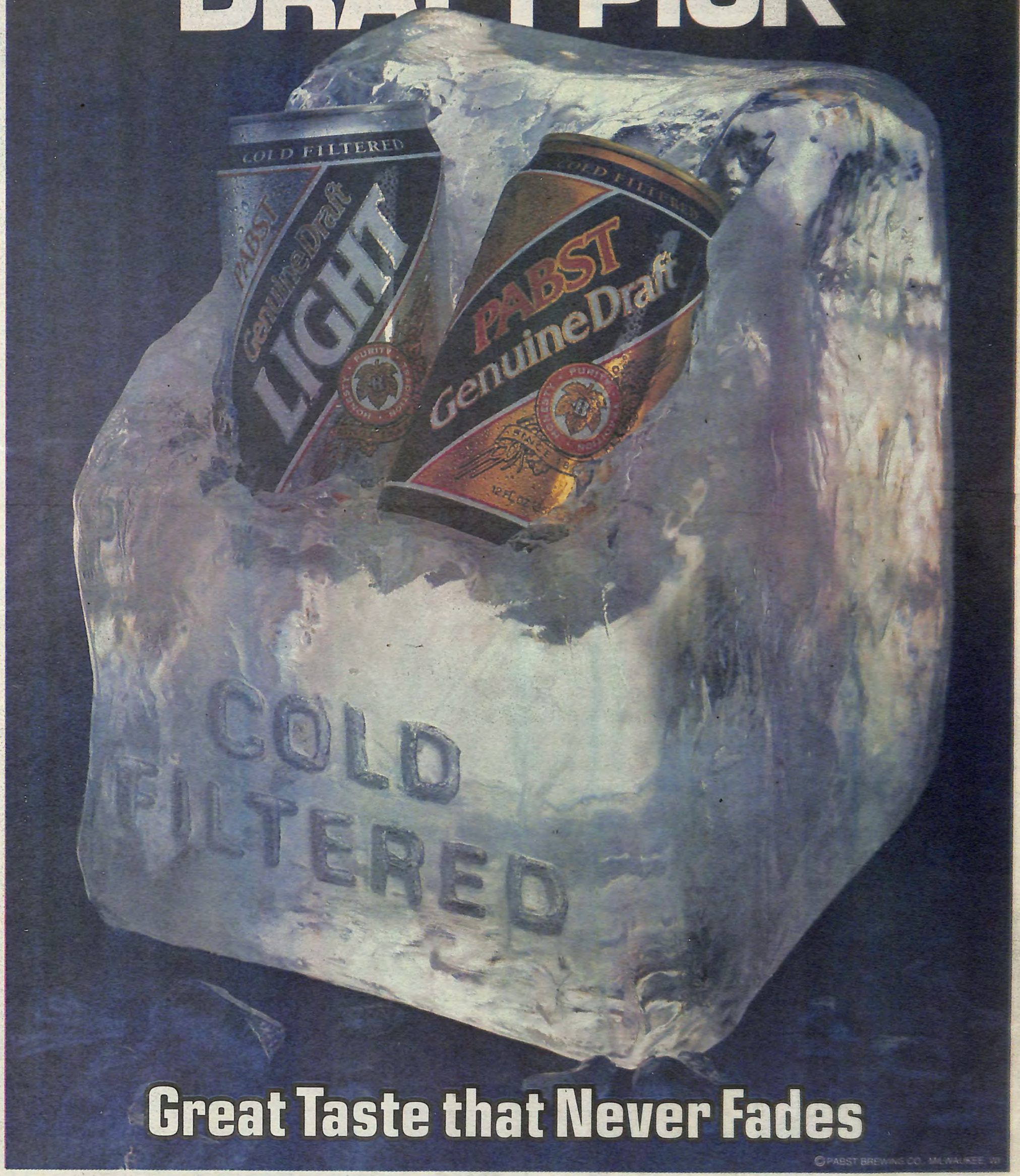

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